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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### AB 349 (Dixon) - Foster care supplement

**Version:** May 23, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 5 - 0

**Mandate:** Yes

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** AB 349 would require an existing supplemental rate paid to cover the cost of care and supervision of a child of a foster youth, to be adjusted by an amount equal to the California Necessities Index (CNI).

\*\*\*\*\* **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** \*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown, potential ongoing General fund costs for state operations for the California Department of Social Services for automation related to programming system updates, collecting data for reporting, and creating new payments; correspondence and noticing; and accounting for inflation calculations.
- Unknown ongoing costs, likely hundreds of thousands, to provide the infant supplement rate increases (General Fund and federal funds).
- One-time General Fund cost of \$107,000 to automate payment increases in the California Statewide Automated Welfare System.
- Unknown costs for county administration. To the extent the bill increases county costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment, the bill would apply to local agencies only to the extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost increases.

**Author Amendments:** Delay implementation, from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026.

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