

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 190 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended August 28, 2026

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This bill is the Early Childhood Education Omnibus Clean-up Trailer Bill, with all August provisions for the 2026-27 Budget Act in child care and development programs administered by the Department of Social Services (CDSS), and state preschools programs administered by the Department of Education (CDE)

Major Provisions

- 1) Further clarifies the definition of the term attendance for the California State Preschool program. Beginning in 2027-28, authorizes the Department of Education (CDE) to recover program funds not used for the mandatory five percent contract minimum enrollment of children with exceptional needs, in the California State Preschool program.
- 2) Clarifies new provisions for the California State Preschool program income eligibility requirements, based on income.
- 3) Clarifies Budget appropriations and ongoing statutory authority for the Cost of Care Plus Rates in the California State Preschool Program.
- 4) Expands and specifies the allowable uses for a California state preschool program provider's authority to schedule paid staff training days on five days per contract period, without reducing days of service for families. Specifies means for calculating a total of five contract days.
- 5) Clarifies, by no later than January 1, 2027, California State Preschool Program contractors to reimburse care providers for the full amount of the certificate or voucher without deducting family fees and to collect family fees.
- 6) Postpones until October 1, 2027, revised requirements on staff who provide childcare at specified facilities, to complete care to complete at least 15 hours of specified health and safety training that includes pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices, and revised requirements that staff complete a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education annually. Clarifies staff subject to these requirements.
- 7) Clarifies new requirements when family daycare home licensee have temporary absences, including reporting requirements.
- 8) Specifies Legislative reporting provisions for the Department of Social Services (CDSS), through July 1, 2028, on implementation of a child care reimbursement rate system plan, including integration of cost of care plus rates into the reimbursement rate contract systems.
- 9) Requires CDSS to identify the foundational policy changes necessary for the child care single rate structure no later than January 10, 2028.

- 10) Clarifies that the child care single rate structure, based on the Alternative Methodology, will include rates for the California State Preschool Program.
- 11) Establishes Legislative intent for the alternative methodology parameters, to be based on the cost of care in California, to include specific age groupings, inclusion rates, and statutory and regulatory program requirements.
- 12) Further clarifies statutory authority for CDSS and CDE regulatory timelines and authority, for various Budget provisions.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill reappropriates \$1,000,000 in funds from the Budget Act of 2025 to the State Department of Social Services for activities related to the safety and regulation of children's camps; clarifies statutory and budget bill appropriation authority for the Cost of Care Plus rates for the California State Preschool Program.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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