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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### **SB 557 (Hurtado) - Child abuse: family resource centers**

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**Urgency:** No

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

**Mandate:** No

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**Bill Summary:** SB 557 would revise the definition of “family resource centers” related to preventing child abuse and neglect.

**Fiscal Impact:** The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) anticipates one-time General Fund costs, potentially ranging from \$50,000-\$75,000, for state operations to inform counties and update materials.

**Background:** State law establishes an Office of Child Abuse Prevention within the CDSS. The office must, among other duties, support coordination and sharing of best practices implemented by family resource centers with other agencies, when the best practices reflect strategies and outcomes that were achieved and supported by evidence-informed programs and data. Current law also authorizes a county to establish a child abuse multidisciplinary personnel team to allow provider agencies to share confidential information in order for provider agencies to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, or for the purpose of child welfare agencies making a detention determination. The team may include a representative of a local child abuse prevention council or family-strengthening organization, including, but not limited to, a family resource center.

State law defines a “family resource center” to mean “an entity providing family-centered and family-strengthening services that are embedded in communities, culturally sensitive, and include cross-system collaboration to assist in transforming families and communities through reciprocity and asset development based on impact-driven and evidence-informed approaches with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening children and families.”

Federal law defines “family resource center” as a community or school-based hub of support services for families that:

- Utilizes an approach that is multi-generational, strengths-based, and family-centered;
- Reflects, and is responsive to, community needs and interests;
- Provides support at no or low cost for participants; and
- Builds communities of peer support for families, including kinship families, to develop social connections that reduce isolation and stress.

**Proposed Law:** SB 557 would revise the definition of “family resource center” in state law to mean a family-friendly entity serving as a hub for multigenerational, family-centered, and family-strengthening support services that meet all of the following conditions:

- Provided at no cost or low cost to participants.
- Embedded in communities.
- Culturally sensitive.
- Reflective of, and responsive to, community needs and interests.
- Build communities of peer support for families, including kinship families.
- Include cross-system collaboration to assist in transforming families and communities through reciprocity, development of social connections that reduce isolation and stress, and asset development based on impact-driven and evidence-informed approaches with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening children and families.

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