

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

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An act relating to education finance, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately as an appropriation for the usual and current expenses of the state.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Education finance: CalWORKs Stage 3.

Existing law requires that child care be provided in 3 stages to recipients of benefits under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. The first stage of child care begins upon the entry of a person into the CalWORKs program. The 2nd stage of child care begins when a county determines that the work or approved work activity of the recipient is stable or when a recipient is making the transition off of aid and child care is available through a local stage 2 program. The 3rd stage of child care, which is administered by programs contracting with the State Department of Education, begins when a funded child care space becomes available for the child or children of the eligible CalWORKs recipient.

This bill would reappropriate \$118,000,000 in unobligated balances appropriated in the Budget Act of 2009, and from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, and would also appropriate \$115,534,000 from the General Fund, to the State Department of Education for CalWORKs Stage 3 child care services. The bill would also require the State Department of Education to use those funds for families that were receiving, or would have been eligible to receive, CalWORKs Stage 3 child care development services, on or after October 31, 2010.

The bill would declare that it makes appropriations for the usual and current expenses of the state, thereby taking immediate effect.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to restore funding
- 2 to CalWORKs Stage 3 child care and development services,
- 3 retroactive to November 1, 2010.
- 4 SEC. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 5 unobligated balances from the following budget items are
- 6 reappropriated to the State Department of Education for
- 7 CalWORKs Stage 3 child care services, in augmentation of, and
- 8 for the purposes specified in, Schedule (1.5)(f) of Item
- 9 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2010 (Ch.
- 10 712, Stats. 2010).
- 11 (1) Fifteen million three hundred thousand dollars (\$15,300,000)
- 12 of the liquidated federal fund balance appropriated in Item
- 13 6110-196-0890, as included in Schedule (1.5) of Item
- 14 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2009 (Ch. 1,
- 15 Stats. 2009).
- 16 (2) Forty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars
- 17 (\$42,700,000) from the federal Child Care and Development Block
- 18 Grant funds appropriated prior to the 2010 fiscal year.
- 19 (3) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) from Schedule (1) of
- 20 Item 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2009
- 21 (Ch. 1, Stats. 2009).
- 22 (4) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) from Schedule (1.5) of
- 23 Item 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2009
- 24 (Ch. 1, Stats. 2009).

1 (b) The sum of one hundred fifteen million five hundred
2 thirty-four thousand dollars (\$115,534,000) is hereby appropriated
3 from the General Fund for transfer by the Controller to Section A
4 of the State School Fund for CalWORKs Stage 3 child care
5 services, in augmentation of, and for the purposes specified in,
6 Schedule (1.5)(f) of Item 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the
7 Budget Act of 2010 (Ch. 712, Stats. 2010).

8 (c) Pursuant to this section, the State Department of Education
9 shall use the funds appropriated in subdivisions (a) and (b) for
10 families who were eligible for and receiving CalWORKs Stage 3
11 child care services pursuant to Section 8354 of the Education Code
12 on or before October 31, 2010, and for those families who would
13 have otherwise been eligible to receive CalWORKs Stage 3 child
14 care services after October 31, 2010.

15 SEC. 3. This act makes an appropriation for the usual current
16 expenses of the state within the meaning of Article IV of the
17 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.