



CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT 2007

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: *AFTER-SCHOOL CARE*

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The following legislative history offers a brief overview of state legislation in California.

1965

AB 1331 – Chapter 1248, Statutes of 1965

This bill established the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Preschool and Educational Programs now known as the Child Development Policy Advisory Committee. The Committee is a citizens’ review committee, primarily responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature, and State departments on child care policy.

1972

AB 99 – Chapter 670, Statutes of 1972

This bill consolidated all child care and preschool programs under one comprehensive program.

1980

AB 2973 – Chapter 899, and SB 863 – Chapter 798, Statutes of 1980

These bills created the Child Care and Development Services Act to replace the Child Development Act of 1972. This act integrated alternative child care programs into state child development programs and expanded funding by \$12 million.

1985

SB 303 – Chapter 1026, Statutes of 1985

This bill created the School-Age “Latchkey” Community Child Care Program, which provides before- and after-school care to children in kindergarten through ninth grade.

1997

AB 1542 – Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997

This bill created the state’s new welfare system, including time limits and work requirements. A three-stage child care system was established to provide ongoing child care for recipients as they transition from welfare to work.

1998

AB 1428 (Ortiz) – Chapter 319, Statutes of 1998

This bill established the After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program for after-school programs at elementary and middle schools.

1999

AB 566 (Havice) – Chapter 180, Statutes of 1999

This bill allows After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership programs to operate in a community park or recreational area adjacent to a school site. These programs were previously restricted to the sponsoring school site only.

2000

SB 1703 (Escutia) – Chapter 704, Statutes of 2000

This bill appropriated \$42 million for one-time child care expenditures for child care facility grants and loans.

2001

AB 6 (Cardenas) – Chapter 545, Statutes of 2001

This bill created the Before- and After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Act, to be administered by the State Department of Education (SDE). In so doing, it amended AB 297 (below) to include before-school care as well as after-school care.

AB 297 (Kehoe) – Chapter 453, Statutes of 2001

This bill established the statewide Six-to-Six Before- and After-School Program, by allowing before- and after-school programs in schools which do not meet the income priorities of the After-School Learning Safe Neighborhoods and Partnership Program.

2002

AB 1984 (Steinberg) – Chapter 1025, Statutes of 2002

This bill authorized the use of federal funds to establish an after-school program for high school students, the 21st Century High School After-School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program.

2003

AB 1668 (Salinas) – Chapter 523, Statutes of 2003

For any school district or county office of education that offered child care through the California School-Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) Program, this bill made these entities eligible to apply for and receive funding from the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund program.

2004

AB 1393 (Kehoe) – Chapter 366, Statutes of 2004

This bill extended the sunset date for the Six-to-Six Before- and After-School Program from January 1, 2005, to January 1, 2009.

2005

SB 707 (Kehoe) – Chapter 553, Statutes of 2005

Changed required operating hours for California's After School Education and Safety program; removed minimum participation requirements; guarantees 15% of state allocation to administrative expenditures; allowed for CDE to pay upwards to 125% of the "legislative cap" for individual school sites that were allocated to, but not used by, other sites in the same grant; allows for reimbursement for closure due to natural disaster or other unforeseen event.

SOURCES

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Other sources:

Senate Office of Research bill summaries, found at <http://www.sen.ca.gov/sor/>

2003-04 bill summary from the Assembly Human Services Committee, found at <http://www.assembly.ca.gov>

SB 854 (Ashburn) – Chapter 555, Statutes of 2005

Instituted changes in the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grants, including: increased daily per-child reimbursement rate; provides up to 40% up front funding for programs; allows for shifting in funding due to extraordinary circumstances. Also established the Advisory Committee for Before and After School Programs to advise the state legislature, Governor and Secretary for Education.

2006

SB 638 (Torlakson) – Chapter 380, Statutes of 2006

Codifies administration of Proposition 49 funding. Also changes requirements, allowing for direct grants instead of reimbursement; raising the daily per-child rate to equal 21st CCLC, matching SB 854; reduces required match grants; raises grant caps for elementary and middle school programs and allows the grandfathering of 21st CCLC programs.

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