



CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT 2007

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

CHILD 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

Proposition 10 (The California Children and Families Act of 1998)

Passed by the voters in November to increase the tax on tobacco products (50 cents per pack on cigarettes and the equivalent of \$1.00 per pack on other tobacco products) and to provide funding for various early childhood programs. It established a statewide Children and Families Commission and a commission in each county to implement its provisions.

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.

AB 738 (Davis) – Chapter 770, Statutes of 1999

This bill created the Work and Family Fund to establish work and family programs for state employees. Programs may include financial assistance for the development of child care centers and grants and/or subsidies for child care and elder care.

AB 1052 (Jackson) – Chapter 548, Statutes of 1999

This bill extended operation of the Child Care Initiative Project indefinitely. Under the Project, resource and referral programs recruit, train, and provide support services to family day care providers in underserved areas.

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.

AB 212 (Aroner) – Chapter 547, Statutes 2000

This bill appropriated \$15 million for supplementing staff compensation in state-subsidized child care centers. It also encouraged the leveraging of local funding sources by requiring child care councils to develop plans for increased compensation and training.

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.

AB 866 (Diaz) – Chapter 650, Statutes of 2001

This bill expanded existing tax credits for start-up expenses for child care program facility construction, or for child care referral services through the 2006 tax year.

2002

AB 16 (Hertzberg) – Chapter 33, Statutes of 2002

This bill placed the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act on the November 2002 statewide ballot. The bond measure passed, providing more than \$12 billion for facilities.

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 179 (Chan) – Chapter 378, Statutes of 2003

This bill changed the name of the California Children and Families Program, which was created through the California Children and Families Act of 1998 (Proposition 10), to First 5 California.

AB 529 (Mullin) – Chapter 744, Statutes of 2003

For small and large family day care homes, this bill replaced the previous requirement that at least two children of those in care be at least six years of age with the requirement that only one must be six years old, while the other can be enrolled in and attending kindergarten or elementary school.

AB 1326 (Simitian) – Chapter 691, Statutes of 2003

This bill permitted the County of San Mateo to create an individualized county child care subsidy plan as a pilot project that could, in specified circumstances, modify existing law with regard to requirements for eligibility, fees, rates of reimbursement, and approaches to increase use of funds.

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 379 (Mullin) – Chapter 897, Statutes of 2004.

This bill codified into law an existing contracting procedure used by the California Department of Education for Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHENS).

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.

AB 2205 (Oropeza) – Chapter 555, Statutes of 2004

This bill created the California Helping Heroes Child Care Program to provide, if federal funding is available, child care to income-eligible families with one or more parent serving in the armed forces in Iraq.

2005

SB 640 (Escutia) – Chapter 379, Statutes of 2005

This bill appropriates \$5 million to local child care resource and referral programs to build the supply of child care and development services for children with disabilities.

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>

2006

AB 172 (Chan) – Chapter 211, Statutes of 2006

This bill appropriates \$50 million for Prekindergarten and Family Literacy programs in low performing school districts, including up to \$5m for literacy, staff development and instructional materials.

AB 633 (Benoit) – Chapter 545, Statutes of 2006

This bill requires child care facilities to make public licensing documents relating to compliance with a deficiency and requires licensees to provide copies of documented serious violations to parents and guardians of children in care.

AB 1282 (Mullin) – Chapter 712, Statutes of 2006

This bill extends the employer's child care tax credit from 2006 through 2011. The credit can be used for expenses incurred in starting a child care center, contributing to resource and referral agencies or direct child care expenses paid on behalf of an employee.

AB 2403 (DeVore) – Chapter 105, Statutes of 2006

This bill requires local governments to provide, upon request, applicants for large family child care permits with the cost of the permit fee and the length of time the process will take.

AB 2585 (Torricono) – Chapter 865, Statutes of 2006

This bill requires child care centers to inform parents of expected pesticide use on the premises, and when possible, to use the least toxic methods of pesticide application. Facilities that rent are required to comply contingent on notification by the property owner.

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