



California Association for the
Education of Young Children

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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Bill Number	Author	Brief Description	Sponsor	CAAIEYC Contact	CAAIEYC Position	Support	Oppose	Status
AB 51	Bonta	<p>TITLE: Child Care Stabilization Act TOPIC: Universal early care. SUMMARY: This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to create a universal early care and education system, utilizing the existing mixed-delivery system, that promotes equity and access for all families.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amends income eligibility for CSPP to 120% of area median income or SMI. CDS to provide prospective CSPP contractors technical assistance on meeting the regulatory requires of Title V CDE to develop early learning resources SPI to establish rules and regulations for the comingling of CSPP children with children supported through other state or federal-subsidized programs and private funding authorizes implementation pending these rules and regulations ELOP serving TK children be developmentally appropriate CDSS and SPI to expand existing R&Rs services to include navigation, referral, and enrollment services for TK, CSPP, Head Start, general childcare, private childcare centers and FCCH options DSS & CDE, as reimbursement rates are updated and modified to align an alternative methodology, to consider adopting regulations to support providers impacted by the expansion of TK 		Linda	Watch			<p>2 year bill Senate Suspense</p> <p>DEAD???</p>

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AB 555	Carrillo	<p>California state preschool programs: reimbursement amounts; adjustment factors Would require the 3rd priority for services to be given to eligible 3-and 4-year-old children who are not enrolled in a state-funded transitional kindergarten program, and would revise the remaining priorities accordingly</p>		???	Watch			<p>2 year bill Senate Appropriations Committee</p>
AB 596	Reyes	<p>Early Learning and Care: Rate Reform Would require CDSS, in collaboration with CDE, to develop an alternative methodology for calculating subsidy payment rates for child care and development services and CSPP that build upon and align with the recommendations of the working group and Joint Labor Management Committee, and that uses a cost estimation model; would require the department to develop an interim transition plan, if necessary.</p>		Joyce	Watch			<p>2 year bill Senate Appropriations Committee (Held in suspension) Incorporated into the 2023-2024 budget bill</p>
AB 657	Jackson	<p>Child Welfare Funding Act Would delete “candy” from the definition of “food products,” described above, that are exempt from tax. Would also establish the Child Welfare Grant Program and would require the State Department of Social Services to annually, on or before December 31, distribute to any qualified recipient with dependent minors a Child Welfare Grant Program grant, as prescribed; would define “qualified recipient” to mean an individual who is a resident of the state and either filed a joint income tax return for the preceding taxable year that reported gross income in an amount not exceeding \$150,000 or filed an individual income tax return for the preceding taxable year that reported gross income in an amount not exceeding \$112,000; would provide that the provisions described above relating to the Child Welfare Funding Act and the Child Welfare Grant Program <i>would become operative only if the amendment to Proposition 163 described above is approved by the voters and takes effect.</i></p>		James	Watch			

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AB 1038	Rendon	Family Child Care home education Networks						2 year bill In Senate Inactive
AB 1106	Soria	PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential grant program Would establishes a one-time grant program, administered by the CTC to incentivize development and implementation at IHEs of the PK-3 Early childhood Education Specialist Credential pathway would encourage grantees to work with their corresponding bilingual authorization programs to meet the demand for an early learning workforce that is prepared to teach the next generation of Californians	The Education Trust—West Children Now	Jan	Watch			
AB 1192	McCarty	TK Implementation By 2025-2026 will receive ADA for all TK students; reduce teacher child ratios to 10:1; requires LEAs to provide administrators, teachers, and teacher aides with professional development training.	Early Edge CA Children Now Kidango	Jan???	Watch			
AB 1808	Nguyen and Davies	Childcare and Development Services: Eligibility will align the eligibility period for child care support under the CalWORKs program with other subsidized programs, extending it from 12 to 24 months. This change aims to create consistent rules for families in need, regardless of whether they access support through welfare, community-based structures, or county offices.	Thriving Families CA	Hope	Support?	Thriving Families CA	None	

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AB 1925	Rendon	Childcare and Development Services: Eligibility would extend eligibility for childcare and development programs to families whose child is eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and a family who needs the childcare services because the child is identified as eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.	LACOE	Juliet/Juana	Watch	LACOE		Referred to the Committee on Human Services
AB 1930	Reyes	Teaching credentials: Child Development Associate Teacher Permit: renewal. This bill would, on or before April 30, 2025, require the commission to, by rule or regulation, authorize a holder of a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit to renew their permit without a limitation on the number of renewals if the permitholder completes specified hours of professional growth activities, as provided.	CA County Superintendents Child Care Resource Center EveryChild CA Head Start CA Kidango Santa Clara County Office of Education	Juliet	Support Letter sent	CA County Superintendents Child Care Resource Center EveryChild CA Head Start CA Kidango Santa Clara County Office of Education		Referred to the Committee on Human Services
AB 2226	Muratsuchi	Elementary Education: Kindergarten Would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before that child may be admitted to the first grade at a public elementary school; beginning with the 2026-27 school year		Juliet	Watch			
AB 2343	Schiavo	CalWORKs: Child Care Programs Would use CalWORKS dollars for families experiencing homelessness, escaping domestic violence, or both		Hope	Watch			

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AB 2381	Bonta	Childcare It is the intent of the legislature to enact legislation relating to childcare.			Watch			
AB2476	Bonta	Child Care Services: Alternative Payment Programs Would remove the requirement the alternative payment reimburse child care programs based on specific criteria; would require the department to ensure that childcare providers are reimbursed at the applicable regional market rate ceiling.	Thriving Families CA	???	Watch			
AB 2949	Rendon	Family Child Care Home Education Networks This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions			Watch			
???	???	Cal Works money to be used for a navigator (at a county level) to find them child care as part of homeless services—not clear in the guidelines		James?				
SB 116	Committee on Budget & Fiscal Revises	Early Care and Education An act to amend Sections of the Ed Code, the Government Code and the Welfare and Institutions Codes relating to early childcare and education, and making an appropriation therefore, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.		Jeanne	Watch			

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SB 380	Limón	Early Learning and Care: Rate Reform Would require the alternative payment program to reimburse childcare providers based on the maximum certified hours of care, as specified; would require contracting agencies operating those general childcare and development programs to be reimbursed the lesser of 100% of the contract maximum reimbursable amount or net reimbursable program costs.	CA Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Resource Center Children Now EveryChild CA Parent Voices	Joyce	Watch	CA Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Resource Center Children Now EveryChild CA Parent Voices	None on File	FACT SHEET 2 Year bill
SB 600	Menjivar	California CalFresh Minimum Benefit Adequacy Act of 2023 would, by January 1, 2025, require the department to establish the CalFresh Minimum Nutrition Benefit (MNB) Program to provide a household with a monthly CalFresh allotment of less than a minimum monthly benefit, established by the bill to be \$50, with an additional state-funded monthly MNB that is equal to the difference between their monthly CalFresh allotment and \$50.		Jeanne	Watch ?????			2- year bill 7/11/23 Active Bill - In Committee Process. Set for first hearing; cancelled at the request of the author. Committee on Human Services (Assembly).
SB 1307	Becker	Child Care and Development Services: Eligibility and priority Would give 3 rd priority, to the extent funds are available in the next state plan, to families that are eligible due to a family member's employment at the childcare center or family childcare home.		Jeanne	Watch			

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		FEDERAL LEGISLATION						
HR 7360	Tenney (NY) Schneider (IL)	Promoting Affordable Child Care for Everyone (PACE) Would improve access to affordable and high-quality child care for American families; would modernize the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and enhance Dependent Care Flexible Spend Accounts (FSAs) to make the credit refundable and allow for annual updates to keep both incentives effective and provide more financial support for working parents.		Joyce	None at this time			Introduced 2/15/2024
HR 7465	Rep Bice (OK)	Combating High Inflation Limiting Daycare (CHILD) Act To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index dependent care assistance programs to inflation. Would double the annual contribution limit for tax advantaged Dependent Care Flexible Savings Accounts (DCFSAs); would increase the annual contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5000 for joint filers, to \$5000 from \$2500 for separate filers	Cosponsors Feenstra (OK) Moolenaar (MI) Sánchez (CA)	Joyce	None at this time			Introduced 2/28/2024

S.1584	Booker	<p>RAISE ACT (Respect, Advancement, and Increasing Support for Educators)</p> <p>Senator Booker reintroduces legislation to boost teacher compensation and expands eligibility to childhood educators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refundable tax credit of up to \$15,000 for early childhood educators with a bachelor’s degree • Refundable tax credit of up to \$10,000 for early childhood educators with an associate degree or CDA • Increase educators’ deduction to \$500 to offset teacher purchases of school supplies 		Jan	Watch	<p>American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Bank Street College of Education, California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC), California Teachers Association (CTA), Californians for Quality Early Learning (CQEL), Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), Early Edge California, Every Child California, Head Start California, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Education Association (NEA), National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY), National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), National Women’s Law Center, San Diego Unified School District, T.E.A.C.H., United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) and others</p>	None at this time	Introduced 5/11/2023
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	Biden-Harris	TITLE: Child Care Executive Actions 50 directives to nearly every cabinet-level agency to expand access to affordable, high-quality care			Watch			ACTION IN EACH CABINET

To obtain additional information:

1. State legislation, go to <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
2. Federal legislation, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>
3. To access CA budget hearings online, go to <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/listentorooms>
4. Links to Trailer Bills are available at http://www.dof.ca.gov/budgeting/trailer_bill_language/

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Guide to program/funding acronyms:

State Government:

- AB Assembly Bill
- SB Senate Bill
- Chaptered Signed into law & filed in the appropriate statute
- In suspense file Waiting for appropriations in the budget bills
- Special consent calendar The consent calendar is where bills are placed which are non-controversial and do not require much discussion. The consent calendar allows decision-makers to group such items together under one heading and decide them at one time.

Administered by California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

- Resource and Referral Program (CRRP)
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)
- Family Child Care Home Education Network (CFCC)
- CalWORKS Stages 2 and 2 (C@AP and C3AP)
- California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)
- General Child Care and Development Program (CCTR, ages 0-3; school age)

Administered by California Department of Education (CDE)

- California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- After School Education and Safety Program (ASES)

Administered by the Office of Head Start: (Area IX office)

- Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS)

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Early Edge CA, <https://earlyedgecalifornia.org>

Every Child CA [Home \(everychildca.org\)](http://www.everychildca.org)

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