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Bill Number	Legislator carrying the bill	Brief Description	Sponsor	CAAAYC Lead	CAAAYC Position	Support	Oppose	Status
		CA ASSEMBLY BILLS						
AB 904	Aguilar-Curry	Child Care Services Work Day This bill would revise “workday” to additionally include the time that a parent requires temporary care for a child to search for a job, provide care for oneself during a pregnancy-related leave from work, or provide care for a family member during a period of paid family leave. The bill would also additionally define “parental incapacity” to mean the temporary or permanent inability of a child’s parent or parents to provide care and supervision of the child for any part of the day, including due to specified leaves conditions. The bill would additionally include that a family may be eligible for services if a parent is on pregnancy or family leave employed or seeking employment, including while on family and medical leave from employment . The bill would additionally authorize a parent to sign an attestation form stating that they are on leave and that being on leave does not require a medical incapacity form require that, at the time of		Jeanne	WATCH	Child Action Inc. Child Care Resource Center Children Now Grace Institute End Child Poverty in CA Silicon Valley Community Foundation	Non on file	2 Year Bill Introduced 9/3/2025 9/11/2026 Placed in Senate Inactive file 9/25/2025 Amended in Senate Inactive file DEAD



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		certification or recertification, if a parent is on family and medical leave from employment, the parent provide a self-attestation form, signed under penalty of perjury, that they are on leave. By expanding the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.						
AB1528	Lee, Castillo, Calderon, Elhawary, Jackson, C Rodriguez	Child Care Leaves This bill would add medical and educational appointments to the list of reasons for extended absences that are included in attendance for purposes of reimbursement. For purposes of reimbursement, the bill would also authorize a contractor to claim attendance for days that the contractor or provider is required to hold a space for a child during the period that a family is assumed to have abandoned care or is engaging in the appeal process based on disenrollment for abandoning care. This bill would extend the exemption period to up to 24 months.		Milani	WATCH		None at this time	2 Year-Bill Introduced 3/25/2025 DEAD
AB1631	Muratsuchi Patel Rubio	Elementary education: kindergarten This bill, beginning with the 2028-29 school year, bill would require a child to have public elementary school, including a charter school, to ensure that a child	LAUSD?	Andrea	WATCH	California Associati on for	SVF	DEAD



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		<i>is not admitted to the first grade unless the child has completed one year of kindergarten before that child may be admitted to the first grade at a public elementary school, if the child will have their 6th birthday (1) between July 1, 2028, and September 1, 2028, inclusive, for the 2028–29 school year, (2) between May 1, 2029, and September 1, 2029, inclusive, for the 2029–30 school year, (3) between March 1, 2030, and September 1, 2030, inclusive, for the 2030–31 school year, and (4) on or before September 1 for the 2031–32 school year and each school year thereafter, except for a child who has been lawfully admitted to a public school kindergarten or a private school kindergarten in California, but has not yet completed one school year, and is judged to be ready for first-grade work, as specified, thereby imposing <i>specified</i>. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</i>				Bilingual Education (CABE) California School Employees Association California Teachers Association California Federation of Teachers Delta Kappa Gamma Early Edge California Los Angeles	4 individual s	
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						Unified School District State Superinte ndent of Public Instructio n Tony Thurmon d Torrance Unified School District		
AB1914	Schiavo	General plan elements: childcare This bill would require a city or county, upon the next update of 2 or more of the elements included in the general plan on or after January 1, 2028, to review and update the land use, circulation, housing, safety, and environmental justice elements, and any other element, where appropriate, to address the childcare needs of the jurisdiction. The bill would require the elements to be reviewed and updated to	LIIF	Andrea	WATCH SUPPORT			2/23/2026 Published 3/2/2026 Referred to committees on L Gov and Human Services 5/14/2026 HEARING



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		reflect the goal of ensuring every family has access to qualify, convenient, safe, and affordable childcare, as specified.						Passed to Floor for Vote 5/21/2026 Ordered to the Senate 6/3/2026 Referred to Committee on Local Government and Human Services 6/8/2026 Amended in Human Services and Rereferred to the Committee on Local Government 6/17/2026 Referred to Committee on Human Services; set for a hearing on 6/29/2026
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								8/13/2026 Hearing in Senate Appropriations; in Committee. held under submission
AB1981	Aguiar- Curry	Subsidized Child Care: reimbursement rates; reporting Existing law requires the Governor and the Legislature to, by no later than July 1, 2025, establish reimbursement rates based on the alternative methodology, as specified. If the new reimbursement rates do not take effect on July 1, 2025, existing law requires the department to provide the Legislature with a timeline for transitioning from the rates that are in effect on July 1, 2025, to the new established rates. This bill would instead, under those circumstances, require the department to provide the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee with the department's anticipated timeline for the above-described rate transition. The bill would require that	Child Care Provider United (CCPU) United Domestic Workers	Joyce	WATCH SUPPORT	SEIU Local99 Local 521 California Chamber of Commerce Early Edge California Oakland Starting Smart & Strong Parent Voices California I	None on file	2/12/2026 Published 3/2/2026 Referred to Human Services committee 4/6/2026 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 4/23/2026 Passed to the Senate Votes 74 Ayes 0 Nos 5/7/2026 Referred to Senate



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		the information be sent no later than January 31, 2027, and every subsequent year until the established rates are in effect. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are: In order to prevent further delays transitioning to the new systems for setting reimbursement rates for subsidized childcare programs, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.				3930		Committee on Human Services 6/10/2026 Amended and re-referred to Committee on Human Services 6/16/2026 Passed re-referred to Committee on Appropriations; set for a hearing on 6/29/2026 Amended & Placed in Suspense File 8/13/2026 Hearing; moved to Senate Floor Reading and Vote
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AB 2006	Rodriguez	State government: office buildings: day care centers This bill would require, on and after January 1, 2027, when the state constructs, acquires, or receives as a gift any office building that can accommodate state employees, or when additions, alterations, or repairs are made to any existing state-owned office building, priority to be given to licensed child care providers, as defined, that seek to contract with the Director of General Services (director) to use a part of the space as a day care center, as defined. The bill would subject the use of the space as a day care center to terms and conditions set forth by the director, including as to cost. The bill would prohibit the state from charging rent to licensed child care providers using the space as a day care center, as specified, if the provider is a nonprofit entity and accepts subsidies. This bill would authorize the director to secure other space not attached to a state-owned office building for use as a day care center if funds are made available for those purposes and the director determines one of certain conditions exist. The bill would also authorize existing state-owned office buildings to be retrofitted to accommodate a day care center at the director's discretion, to the extent that state funds are made available for those purposes. The bill would set forth	LIIF	Joyce	WATCH	Child Action INC Children Now Eileen Monahan Consulting Kristen Anderson Consulting Little Blossoms Childcare Pathways LA	Non at this time	2/17/2026 Introduced 3/2/2026 Referred to Committees on Human Services and Governmental Operations 3/25/2006 Rereferred to Committees on Human Services and Governmental Operations with amendments 4/9/2026 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/6/2026; referred to Appropriations Committee on Passed
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		priority for enrollment of children in day care centers established pursuant to the bill's provisions.						committee to Floor vote, 5/26/2026 Ordered to the Senate 5/27/2026 Ordered to the Senate Rules Committee 6/3/2026 Referred to Committees on Government Operations and Human Services 6/9/2026 From Committee & re-refer to Committee on Human Services with recommendations; to Consent Calendar
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								6/29/2026 Moved to Senate Appropriations 8/13/2026 Hearing; moved to Readings and Senate Floor Vote
AB2083	Jackson	Moreno Valley-Perris Childcare Special District This bill, the Moreno Valley-Perris Childcare Special District Act, would establish the Moreno Valley-Perris Childcare Special District for the purpose of, among other things, expanding childcare capacity and access through the development, coordination, and operation of universal childcare programs. The bill would establish a 5-member board to govern the district and specify that certain entities, including the City of Moreno Valley and the City of Perris, are charged with each appointing a member to the board. The bill would specify the duties of the board, including, among others, the duty to develop and submit a plan of services to		Andrea	WATCH	Child Care Providers Union SEIU California UDW/AFS CME Local 3930	Taxpayer's Association	2/18/2026 Published 3/09/2026 Referred to Local Government and Human Services Committees 4/8/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Local Government with amendments



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		LAFCO that details the scope of childcare services, the hours of operation, the governance and management structure, and funding sources and sustainability. The bill would also outline various powers of the board, including the authority to hire a general manager to oversee daily operations, and powers of the district, including the authority to designate, contract with, or directly operate child daycare facilities.						4/16/2026 Referred to the Committee on Human Services DEAD Included in trailer bill language
AB 2314	Rodgers	APP Program Fund Transfers This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reform childcare regulations. establish a process for alternative payment programs to submit written requests to the department to transfer funds between providers. The bill would require the department to respond in writing to the request within 30 calendar days of receipt and would require the written response to include the department's determination and a general explanation of the basis for that determination. The bill would limit the department's authority to deny a funding transfer request to when verified documentation demonstrates that over enrollment or projected service obligations did not occur during the fiscal year for which the request was made. The bill would require the		Jeanne	WATCH			4/16/2026 Published 5/13/2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee 5/14/2026 Passed out of Committee to Floor vote 5/26/2026 Ordered passed to the Senate 6/10/2026 Referred to



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		department to consult with statewide networks of alternative payment program contracts and other childcare and development stakeholders in implementing these provisions. The bill would authorize the department to implement these provisions by means of all-county letters, childcare bulletins, or similar written instructions until regulations are adopted. This bill would also prohibit an alternative payment program from disenrolling a family, transferring a family to another alternative payment program contractor, or separating siblings receiving services, as a result of enrollment balancing due to the addition of a newly eligible child to the family. The bill would prohibit the department from moving or reassigning a family to a different contractor or service area if the family is actively enrolled and receiving services through an alternative payment program, unless the current contractor and proposed contractor agree to the transfer in writing. The bill would require the department, on or before September 1 of each year, to provide to the Legislature and the Department of Finance <i>Finance, and to publish on its internet website</i>, a summary of childcare and						committee on Human Services 6/29/2026 Passed to Committee on Appropriations 8/13/2026 Hearing in Senate Appropriations; passed committee to Floor vote
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		development funds allocated and expended during the prior fiscal year.						
AB 2325	Alvarez	<i>Teachers: bilingual teachers: Pathways to Bilingual Teaching Program</i> This bill, which would be operative upon appropriation by the Legislature, would establish the Pathways to Bilingual Teaching Program and would require the commission to develop and implement a program to award, on a competitive basis, grants of up to \$600,000 to consortia of local educational agencies, community colleges, and 4-year institutions of higher education to establish or expand pathways to bilingual teaching to enable bilingual pupils to earn a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential, with a bilingual authorization, as provided. The bill would require the commission to conduct outreach to eligible institutions to encourage applications and support institutions that need assistance in developing partnerships, as provided. The bill would require the commission to annually report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on any grants funded until funds are fully expended, as specified.	Early Edge?	JAN	WATCH	Non on file	Non on file	2/20/2026 Introduced in House 3/19/2026 Referred to Committee on Education 4/16/2026 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/06/2026 Set hearing; in appropriations suspense file 5/14/2026 Passed out of Committee 5/18/2026 Awaiting Floor Vote 5/26/2026 Ordered to the Senate



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								6/10/2325 Sent to the Education Committee 6/15/2026 Amended in Committee, rereferred back to Education Committee 6/25/2026 Amended & Referred back to Committee on Education 8/3/2026 Passed to Committee on Appropriations 8/13/2026 Hearing scheduled; held under submission
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AB 2379	Solache/ Carrillo	Family daycare homes: Fourth Amendment training <i>Existing law</i> prohibits licensed child daycare facilities, employees of licensed child daycare facilities, and license-exempt California state preschool program facilities from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of children or their family members. This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to notify all licensed and license-exempt family daycare home providers of a person's rights under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as specified, and would also require the department to designate a statewide entity to develop and provide a training program about those rights. The bill would require the designated statewide entity to offer the training program commencing July 1, 2026, and would require licensed family daycare home providers to complete the training within specified timeframes. The bill would specify that a violation of these requirements is not subject to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. <i>penalties, and does not</i>	Co-sponsors CA State Council of SEIU CA Child Care Providers	Millie	WATCH SUPPORT	Alameda County Office of Education American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO Early Edge California Kidango Parent Voices California PEACH Unidos US	Non on file	2/19/2026 Published 3/23/2026 Referred to Committees on Human Services and JUD 3/24/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Human Services 4/15/2026 Rereferred to Committee on JUD 4/22/2026 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/6/2026 First hearing in Appropriations; held in suspense file 5/14/2026
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		<i>subject a licensee to citation under the act.</i> This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.						Passed from Committee to Floor 5/18/2026 Awaiting Floor vote Sent to the Senate 6/10/2026 Referred to the Human Services Committee 7/1/2026 Passed to Committee on Appropriations 8/3/2026 in Suspense File 8/13/2026 Hearing scheduled; reading on the Senate floor
AB 2429	Rubio	Childcare Mental Health Consultation Services		Jan	WATCH	Bananas Child Care	Non on file	2/21/2026 Published



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		This bill would remove the requirement that the consultation service use a relationship-based model that includes those components in order to be reimbursable and instead requires that, in order to be reimbursable, the consultation service, among other things, uses a relationship-based model that includes that, includes, at least once per school year in each classroom, or program year, in consultation with the classroom team, team or childcare provider, as <i>applicable</i>, the use of an early care and education classroom observation tool to inform the specific activities and support the consultant will provide.				Alliance of Los Angeles Everychild California Girls Club of Los Angeles Kidango Lindsay Unified School District Preschool/ TK Program Maryvale National Association of Social Workers- California Chapter Porterville Unified School District The Children's Partnership 3 individuals	3/9/2026 Referred to Committees on Human Services and Education, amended 4/6/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Education 4/16/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Appropriations DEAD
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		CA SENATE BILLS						
SB 290	Smallwood -Cuevas	Cal-WORKS This bill would, commencing July 1, 2026, or the date when the State Department of Social Services has made a specified determination, whichever is later, repeal the requirement under CalWORKs for children who are not required to be enrolled in school to be immunized and repeal the prohibition on considering the needs of parents or caretaker relatives in determining the grant to the assistance unit until the required documentation is provided. The bill would instead require that notice to advise applicants and recipients of the existing obligation for children admitted to a public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family daycare home, or development center, to secure the immunizations required for that admission.		Jeanne	WATCH	SEIU Child Care Providers United	Non on File	2 YEAR BILL Introduced 2/6/2025 8/29/2025 Hearing; held in committee DEAD
SB 1051	Menjivar	Foster Care: child care This bill would authorize childcare navigators to refer foster children to the county welfare department for eligibility and approval under the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children and would require	Children Now (Sponsor) County Welfare Directors	Joyce	WATCH	Alliance for Children's Rights California Alliance of Caregivers	Non on file	2/12/2026 Published 2/26/2026 Referred to Human



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		participating county welfare departments to determine eligibility of that referred child for the program.	Association (Co-Sponsor)			California Alliance of Child and Family Services California Child Care Resource and Referral Network Child Action, INC. Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles Child Care Resource Center, INC Crystal Stairs, INC. Early Edge California Peach Public Counsel The Resource	Services Committee 4/7/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Appropriation 4/10/2026 Hearing set for 4/20/2026 4/23/2026 Ordered to the Assembly 5/11/2026 Referred to the Assembly Committee on Human Services 6/17/2026 Ordered to the Committee on Appropriations with recommendations; set for a hearing on 6/24/2026
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						Connection Thriving Families California (TFC)		6/25/2026 Ordered to consent calendar 7/2/2026 Ordered out of consent calendar 7/3/2026 Ordered 3 rd reading
SB1110	Becker	Early learning and care: rates Existing law requires, commencing July 1, 2026, the contract reimbursement to be based on the lesser of the maximum reimbursable amount stated in the contract, the net reimbursable program costs, or the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment for certified children times the contract rate. This bill would instead provide, commencing July 1, 2026, for California state preschool programs and center-based childcare and development programs, that if the program or center has maintained at least 85% of its certified daily enrollment, it will be reimbursed the maximum reimbursable amount stated in the contract. The bill would provide if the program or	Child Care Resource Center (Sponsor) Every Child California (Co- Sponsor)	Joyce	WATCH SUPPORT Letter sent			2/17/2026 Published 2/26/2026 Referred to the Committees on Human Services and Education 4/6/2026 Hearing with amendments in the Human Services Committee



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		center has not maintained at least 85% of its certified daily enrollment, reimbursement would be based on the lesser of either the net reimbursable program costs or the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment for certified children times the contract rate. The bill would require, if a California state preschool program contractor has not maintained 85% of its certified daily enrollment for 3 consecutive years, and continues to have less than 100% of their certified daily enrollment, the State Department of Education to place the contractor on conditional contract status unless the contractor provides clear evidence of progress towards full enrollment. This bill would expand the authorization for reimbursement to include the direct program and support costs, as defined, of the alternative program. The bill would replace the term “administrative and support services costs” with “indirect administrative costs,” as defined, and prohibit the indirect administrative costs from exceeding 15% of the maximum reimbursable amount of the contract and further prohibit the combined costs of direct program and support costs and indirect administrative costs from exceeding 25%. If 25% of the maximum						4/13/2026 Rereferred to Committee on Education, to be heard April 22 4/22/2026; Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/4/2026 Hearing; placed on Appropriations Suspense file 5/8/2026 Set hearing for 5/14/2026 Held under submission by committee DEAD
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		reimbursable amount of the contract falls below \$300,000, the bill would require the minimum reimbursement to be \$300,000.						
SB 1200	Menjivar Caballero	Family daycare homes This bill would define infant for these purposes as a child under 18 months of age. This bill seeks to address the shrinking population of children enrolling in child care programs and families' need for more infant care spaces. This bill would allow a family child care provider to repurpose infant slots serving children 18- to 24-month-olds to instead serve more 0- to 18-month-olds. The 18- to 24-month-olds would be counted toward the preschool-age ratio. This would help providers fill their preschool-age spaces and open up infant spaces for very young children. Filling unused spaces would maximize enrollment, which would result in higher reimbursement for providers. This bill would not allow a family child care provider to serve more children in total. Instead, changing the infant age cutoff would reconfigure the maximum number of children allowed within each age bracket. This would increase the proportion of young		Andrea	WATCH	Save California Family Child Care		2/19/2026 Published 3/9/2026 Referred to Committee on Human Services 5/20/2026 Ordered to the Consent Calendar 5/22./2026 Moved to the Assembly 6/1/2026 Referred to the Assembly Committee on Human Services; set for a hearing on 6/30/2026



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		children in a family child care home within existing capacity limits.						8/3/2026 Hearing in Appropriations Placed in Suspense File 8/13/2026 Set for a hearing; held in Committee under submission
		FEDERAL BILLS						
H.R. 5334	Rep Jimmy Panetta (D- CA-19)	SEED ACT This bill expands eligibility for the above-the-line federal tax deduction for certain eligible educator expenses to include early childhood educators. (An above-the-line tax deduction is subtracted from gross income to calculate adjusted gross income.) Under current law, kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, instructors, counselors, principals, or aides in schools that provide elementary or secondary education are allowed an above-the-line tax deduction of up to \$300 (in 2025 and adjusted annually) for certain unreimbursed professional	23 Co Sponsors	Joyce	WATCH			9/11/2025 Intro in House 4/27/2026 Passed House of Representati ves 4/28/2026 Received in the Senate



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		development and classroom expenses. (Other conditions apply.)						
H.R. 7726,	Tim Walberg, MH, 5th district	Stop Child Care Scams Act a sweeping legislative package aimed at rooting out rampant fraud and strengthening oversight within federal child care assistance programs; synthesizes eight accountability reforms designed to restore structural integrity to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program.			WATCH			Passed the House and sent to the Senate
S. 2828:	Senator Deborah Fisher, NE	Child Care Modernization Act of 2025 A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize and update the Act, and for other purposes.	Co sponsors Susan Collens, ME John Hickenloop er CO		WATCH			Introduced Sept 17, 2025 referred to Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. March 19, 2026 Committee hearing held



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	NAEYC Letter Dear fellow ECE organizations, agencies, partners and stakeholders, As you may be aware, the U.S. Department of Education recently released, for public comment, draft regulations for the <i>Do No Harm</i> provision included in H.R. 1/OBBB. The provision essentially requires that every program in higher education institutions that participate in the (federal) Direct Loan Program demonstrate that its graduates make more than those who hold solely a high school diploma (for undergraduate programs) or who hold solely a baccalaureate degree (for graduate programs). If a program fails to demonstrate this two out of three consecutive years, it will be deemed a “low-earning outcome” program and students will not be able to access federal student loans in the program, potentially leading to program closures. Given the low wages in the early childhood education field, NAEYC is concerned about the potential impact of this provision on ECE higher education pathways and families’ access to quality early childhood education.		Mary Harrill, Senior Director for Higher Education, at mharrill@naeYC.org.	Requested that individuals write letters of opposition to these regulations			
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		To learn more about the “do no harm” provision please see the following NAEYC resources: • DNH Explainer with Example Cases • Overview of Higher Education Provisions in H.R.1/OBBB (this includes a detailed explanation of DNH on p.3)						
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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/

Sources: Thriving Families CA Monday News (formerly CAPPA Morning News), Every Child CA and The CA Policy Institute.

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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)



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- 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)
- Expanded Learning & Opportunities Programs

Administered by the USDA's Food & Nutrition Service

- Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

SHORT LIST OF Public Policy Committee RESOURCES

Child Care Law Center <http://www.childcarelaw.org>

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Coalition

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

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

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