

Child Welfare Bill List

- [AB 5](#) (Nazarian D) Foster youth: transition from high school to postsecondary education.**
Location: 12/1/2014-A. PRINT
Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would facilitate the transition of foster youth from high school to postsecondary education.
Organization
- [AB 74](#) (Calderon D) Care facilities: regulatory visits.**
Location: 3/24/2015-A. AGING & L.T.C.
Calendar: 3/24/2015 Anticipated Hearing ASSEMBLY AGING & L.T.C., Not in daily file.
Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Social Services to conduct an annual unannounced visit for care facilities under specified circumstances, including when a license is on probation, and to conduct annual unannounced visits to no less than 20% of the facilities, other than foster family homes, that are not subject to an inspection under those specified circumstances. This bill would make every facility of the types described above, except for, subject to an annual unannounced visit by the department on and after July 1, 2018. The bill would revise the provisions requiring the department to conduct annual unannounced visits to no less than 20% of the facilities by instead requiring the department to conduct annual unannounced visits to no less than 30% of facilities on or before July 1, 2016, and no less than 20% of those facilities on or before July 1, 2017.
Organization
- [AB 80](#) (Campos D) Interagency Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color.**
Last Amend: 3/16/2015
Location: 3/17/2015-A. A. & A.R.
Calendar: 3/25/2015 10 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW, SALAS, Chair
Summary: Would create the Interagency Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color, a multiagency advisory body that would serve as a support mechanism for department agency and systems leaders by taking coordinated action in meeting the myriad of challenges facing boys and men of color in California, and assisting the respective departments and agencies in more successfully improving life outcomes for this population. The membership of the task force would include members of the Legislature, as well as representatives of specified agencies, departments, and private entities. This bill contains other existing laws.
Organization
- [AB 103](#) (Weber D) Budget Act of 2015.**
Location: 1/26/2015-A. BUDGET
Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.
Organization
- [AB 217](#) (Maienschein R) Juvenile law: hearings.**
Location: 3/23/2015-S. SENATE
Summary: Current law entitles a minor who is the subject of a juvenile court hearing to be present at that hearing. Under current law, the court is required to allow the minor, if he or she so desires, to address the court and participate in the hearing. This bill would require the court to inform the minor, if the minor is present at the hearing, of his or her right to address the court and participate in the hearing.
Organization
CAI
- [AB 224](#) (Jones-Sawyer D) Pupils: educational liaison for foster children.**
Location: 2/17/2015-A. ED.
Calendar: 3/25/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, O'DONNELL, Chair
Summary: Would require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the California Foster Youth Education Task Force, to develop a standardized notice of the education rights of foster children, as specified, to post the notice on its Internet Web site, and to make copies of the notice available to educational liaison for foster children for dissemination. The bill would require an educational liaison for foster children to ensure that public notice of the educational rights of foster children developed by the department is disseminated or posted in a public area at schools where pupils that are foster children

are in attendance.

Organization

PC

[AB 260](#) (Lopez D) Foster care: parenting youth.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair

Summary: Would declare that a child whose parent has been adjudged a dependent child of the court shall not be considered at risk of abuse or neglect solely on the basis of information concerning the parent's placement history, behaviors, health or mental health diagnoses, or any other circumstances, occurring prior to the birth of the child. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

CYC

[AB 336](#) (Waldron R) Child welfare services: investigations.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 3/24/2015 Anticipated Hearing ASSEMBLY HUM. S., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would expressly authorize a parent or legal guardian to make a video or audio recording of his or her interview or interactions with a county child protective services social worker who is investigating allegations of parental abuse or neglect. This bill would require such a county child protective services social worker to inform a parent or legal guardian, in writing, that the parent or legal guardian may make a video or audio recording of his or her interview or interactions with a county child protective services social worker.

Organization

[AB 377](#) (Linder R) Examination fees: Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Examination Fee Grant Program.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. ED.

Calendar: 3/25/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, O'DONNELL, Chair

Summary: Would, subject to appropriation in the annual Budget Act or other statute, establish a grant program, administered by the State Department of Education, for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees or International Baccalaureate examination fees, or both, for eligible economically disadvantaged or foster youth high school pupils, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 379](#) (Gordon D) Foster youth: complaint of noncompliance.

Last Amend: 3/17/2015

Location: 3/18/2015-A. ED.

Calendar: 3/25/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, O'DONNELL, Chair

Summary: Current law requires that all educational and school placement decisions for foster youth be based on the best interests of the child. The bill would specify that all educational and school placement decisions are required to be based on the best interests of the child as determined by the parent or guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil.

Organization

ACR

[AB 381](#) (Calderon D) Dependent children: placement.

Location: 2/18/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure the best possible outcome for children removed from the physical custody of his or her parents.

Organization

CAI

[AB 403](#) (Stone, Mark D) Foster care.

Location: 2/19/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would reform the continuum of care for youth in foster care in the areas of placement setting, accreditation, temporary transition strategies, foster family agency licensure, provision of core services, residential treatment service provisions, residential treatment center employment requirements, rates, program auditing, and performance measures and transparency.

Organization

[AB 423](#) **(Cooley D) CalWORKs: relative caregivers.**

Location: 3/2/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair

Summary: Would revise provisions of the Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Option Program to, among other things, authorize a relative caregiver to receive payments on behalf of a child pursuant to the program, regardless of whether the child resides, or will be residing, outside of the state or the participating county pursuant to his or her placement. The bill would establish procedures for the distribution of payments to relative caregivers, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

ACR

[AB 424](#) **(Gaines, Beth R) Court appointed child advocates: wards.**

Last Amend: 3/18/2015

Location: 3/24/2015-A. APPR.

Calendar: 3/24/2015 Anticipated Hearing ASSEMBLY APPR., Not in daily file.

Summary: Current law provides that a minor, under certain circumstances, is subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. If the minor has violated a law or ordinance, existing law authorizes the juvenile court to adjudge the minor to be a ward of the court. This bill would authorize the appointment of a Court-Appointed Special Advocate in a juvenile delinquency proceeding, and would provide that a CASA shall be considered court personnel for purposes of inspecting the case file of a dependent child or ward of the juvenile court.

Organization

[AB 519](#) **(McCarty D) Juveniles.**

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires that minors under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as a consequence of delinquent conduct receive care, treatment, and guidance that is consistent with their best interests, that holds them accountable for their behavior, and that is appropriate for their circumstances. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization

[AB 592](#) **(Stone, Mark D) Juveniles: court: records.**

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides that the order and findings of the superior court in each case under the provisions related to juvenile court proceedings shall be entered in a suitable book or other form of written record kept for that purpose and known as the "juvenile court record." This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Organization

CN

[AB 703](#) **(Bloom D) Juveniles: attorney qualifications.**

Last Amend: 3/23/2015

Location: 3/23/2015-A. JUD.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, MARK STONE, Chair

Summary: Under current law, a minor has the right to counsel of his or her own choice in proceedings to declare the minor a ward of the court. If the minor and his or her parents are indigent, the minor is entitled to appointed counsel. This bill would require counsel appointed in youth proceedings to, among other things, have sufficient contact with the minor to establish and maintain a meaningful and professional attorney-client relationship, including in the postdispositional phase of the proceedings.

Organization

YLC

[AB 710](#) **(Brown D) Youth on probation: local control funding formula: local control and accountability plans.**

Location: 3/12/2015-A. ED.

Summary: Current law requires funding pursuant to the local control funding formula to include, in addition to a base grant, supplemental and concentration grant add-ons that are based on the percentage of certain categories of pupils, known as unduplicated pupils, served by the county superintendent of schools, school district, or charter school. This bill would include a youth who is on

probation, as defined, as an unduplicated pupil. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws

Organization

PC

[AB 719](#) (Campos D) Child welfare agencies: missing foster children.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair

Summary: Would require a county child welfare agency that becomes aware that a child in foster care is missing to report the incident to the police department or sheriff's department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. By imposing this duty on county child welfare agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 741](#) (Williams D) Medi-Cal: comprehensive mental health crisis services.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. HEALTH

Summary: Current law provides for a schedule of benefits under the Medi-Cal program, which includes early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment for any individual under 21 years of age. This bill would add to the schedule of benefits comprehensive mental health crisis services, including crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, crisis residential treatment, rehabilitative mental health services, and mobile crisis support teams, to the extent that federal financial participation is available and any necessary federal approvals have been obtained.

Organization

CACFS

[AB 801](#) (Bloom D) Postsecondary education: Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. HIGHER ED.

Summary: Would enact the Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. The bill would extend a specified priority requirement, with respect to the California State University and community college districts, and would extend the request for the granting of priority, with respect to the University of California, to include homeless youth and former homeless youth, as defined, and extend the existence of this provision until January 1, 2020. To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

Organization

[AB 838](#) (Brough R) Recovery houses.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair

Summary: Would require a recovery house that is owned or operated, as defined, by a community care facility licensed pursuant to the California Community Care Facilities Act and that functions as an integral component of that community care facility to be deemed a facility that provides treatment or services under the license of the community care facility. The bill would subject a facility under that license to the inspection and enforcement provisions of the act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 854](#) (Weber D) Educational services: pupils in foster care.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. ED.

Summary: Would authorize a county office of education, or consortium of county offices of education, to apply to the Superintendent for grant funding, to the extent funds are available, to operate an education-based foster youth services program to provide educational support for pupils in foster care. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

NCYL

[AB 878](#) (Eggman D) Child welfare: foster care.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law establishes the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program, under which counties provide payments to foster care providers on behalf of qualified children in foster care. The program is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county funds, with moneys from the General Fund being continuously appropriated to pay for the state's share of

AFDC-FC costs. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. This bill contains other current laws.

Organization

ACR

[AB 879](#) (Burke D) Juveniles: court proceedings: notice.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. JUD.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, MARK STONE, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the court to conduct various hearings regarding children who are, or who may become, dependent children, including a detention hearing, jurisdictional hearing, and dispositional hearing. Current law requires the probation officer, the social worker, or the clerk of the court to provide notice of those hearings to certain persons, including parents, guardians, the child, if he or she is 10 years of age or older, adult relatives under certain conditions, and attorneys for the parents or guardians, as specified. This bill would allow service for the above purposes to be made by electronic mail if the county, or city and county, and the court choose to permit service by electronic mail and the person to be served has consented to service by electronic mail by signing a specified form.

Organization

[AB 885](#) (Lopez D) Foster Youth.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair

Summary: Current law allows a juvenile court to assume dependency jurisdiction over a nonminor former dependent for purposes of participation in the specified programs under the California Fostering Connections to Success Act who has not attained 21 years of age under specified circumstances, including, among others, the nonminor's former guardian or adoptive parent no longer provides ongoing support to, and no longer receives benefits on behalf of, the nonminor after the nonminor turns 18 years of age. This bill would delete the requirement that the parent or guardian no longer receive aid on behalf of the nonminor before a juvenile court may resume dependency jurisdiction.

Organization

ACR

[AB 891](#) (Campos D) Low-income youth: educational attainment and success.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. ED.

Summary: The After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002 gives priority enrollment in both after school and before school programs to pupils in middle school or junior high school who attend daily. This bill would instead give first priority enrollment to homeless youth, as defined, 2nd priority enrollment to pupils in CalWORKs assistance units, as described, and 3rd priority enrollment to pupils who attend the program daily. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 899](#) (Levine D) Juveniles: confidentiality of records.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. JUD.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, MARK STONE, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the case file of a dependent child or ward of the juvenile court to be kept confidential, except as specified. Current law authorizes only certain persons to inspect the case file, including, among others, the attorneys for the parties, judges, referees, other hearing officers, and law enforcement officers who are participating in proceedings involving the dependent child or ward. This bill would provide that nothing in these provisions authorizes the disclosure of juvenile information to federal officials absent a court order upon filing a petition, as specified.

Organization

[AB 919](#) (Dababneh D) Foster youth: permanency.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that improves permanency outcomes and stability for older children in foster care by, among other things, providing resources and incentives to counties to improve permanency outcomes for older children and youth in foster care.

Organization

[AB 982](#) (Eggman D) Child care and development: eligibility: priority: homeless children.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES, CHU, Chair
Summary: Current law provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that in providing child development programs the Superintendent of Public Instruction give priority to children of families that qualify for public assistance and other low-income and disadvantaged families. This bill would also include homeless families as part of the intended priority for child development programs. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Organization

AB 1001 (Maienschein R) Child abuse: reporting.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. PUB. S.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY, QUIRK, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit a person from impeding or interfering with the making of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect by a mandated reporter. The bill would provide that an intentional violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor and may subject the offender to liability for actual damages sustained by a victim of child abuse or neglect for any abuse or neglect that occurs after the person impeded or interfered with the report being made. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

CAI

AB 1025 (Thurmond D) Pupil health: multitiered and integrated interventions pilot program.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. ED.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to establish a 3-year pilot program to encourage inclusive practices that integrate mental health, special education, and school climate interventions following a multitiered framework in 3 schools in 10 school districts, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Education to select schools where at least 60% of the student body is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal program and whose applications provide an estimate for the amount of funding being requested for start up and evaluation and detail a model approach that targets the behavioral, emotional, and academic needs of pupils with multitiered and integrated mental health, special education, and school climate interventions.

Organization

AB 1049 (Patterson R) Parent and child relationship.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. JUD.

Summary: Current law provides that if a man signs a voluntary declaration of paternity, it has the force and effect of a judgment of paternity, subject to certain exceptions. Existing law provides that these presumptions are rebuttable. This bill would state that a person's offer or refusal to sign a voluntary declaration of paternity may be used as a factor, but shall not be determinative as to the issue of legal parentage in any proceedings regarding the establishment or termination of parental rights.

Organization

AB 1067 (Gipson D) Child welfare.

Location: 2/26/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law declares the intent of the Legislature to preserve and strengthen a child's family ties whenever possible, removing the child from the custody of his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or for the safety and protection of the public. Current law includes various provisions relating to appropriate placement and other services for children in foster care. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Organization

AB 1166 (Bloom D) Pupils in foster care: pupils who are homeless children or youth: school transfer: exemption from local graduation requirements.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. ED.

Summary: Current law requires the school district to notify specified individuals, including a pupil in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, within 30 calendar days of the date that a pupil who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfers into a school, of the availability of the exemption and whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption. This bill would, if the school district fails to provide that notification, declare the effected pupil eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements once notified, even if that notification is received after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the pupil or after the pupil is no longer a homeless child or youth, as applicable.

Organization

[AB 1207](#) ([Lopez D](#)) **Mandated child abuse reporting: child day care licensees: training.**

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the State Department of Social Services to develop and disseminate information to those persons regarding detecting and reporting child abuse, and to provide statewide guidance on the responsibilities of those persons as mandated reporters, as provided. The bill would require those persons, as a condition of licensure, to complete training pertaining to these matters, as provided. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 1225](#) ([Weber D](#)) **Housing: former nonminor dependents: homeless youth.**

Location: 3/23/2015-A. HUM. S.

Summary: Current law makes transitional housing available to any foster child who is at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age who is eligible for AFDC-FC benefits, any nonminor dependent who is eligible for AFDC-FC benefits, and any former foster youth who is at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age who has exited from the foster care system and has elected to participate in the Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined, if he or she has not received services pursuant to these provisions for more than a total of 24 months. This bill would additionally make transitional housing available to any former nonminor dependent with special needs and any homeless youth.

Organization

[AB 1228](#) ([Gipson D](#)) **Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.**

Location: 3/23/2015-A. HIGHER ED.

Summary: Current law requests the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University to explore methods of using the admissions-by-exemption category to assist the transition of students in foster care into 4-year public institutions of higher education. This bill would request the regents and the trustees to provide that assistance to students who are homeless youth.

Organization

[AB 1270](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) **California Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.**

Location: 3/23/2015-A. L. & E.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, ROGER HERNÁNDEZ, Chair

Summary: Would update statutory references to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to instead refer to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and make related conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[AB 1299](#) ([Ridley-Thomas D](#)) **Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services: foster children.**

Location: 3/23/2015-A. HUM. S.

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure that foster children who are placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction, are able to access mental health services in a timely manner consistent with their individualized strengths and needs and the requirements of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program standards and requirements. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to issue policy guidance that establishes the presumptive transfer of responsibility for providing or arranging for mental health services to foster youth from the county of original jurisdiction to the foster child's county of residence, as prescribed.

Organization

CACFS

[AB 1327](#) ([Dahle R](#)) **Foster care: transitional housing.**

Location: 3/23/2015-A. HUM. S.

Summary: Transitional housing may, if the State Department of Social Services provides approval, include programs in which a participant lives independently in certain types of housing owned or leased by provider under the supervision of the provider. This bill would delete the requirement that the housing be owned or leased by the provider and would instead require that a provider be responsible for the payment of any contracted rental fees and any penalties for late payment to the

property owner.

Organization

[AB 1416](#) (Dababneh D) Foster parent evaluations.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, foster parents, caregivers, and current and former foster youth, to develop and implement a foster parent evaluation process. The bill would require that evaluation process to include a process to allow foster youth over 12 years of age and nonminor dependents to provide feedback on the quality of care received in licensed or certified foster homes and group homes at least once per year and upon any exit from those homes.

Organization

CYC

[ACR 24](#) (Chu D) Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Location: 3/17/2015-A. THIRD READING

Calendar: 3/26/2015 #9 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Summary: This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Organization

[SB 12](#) (Beall D) Foster youth.

Last Amend: 3/17/2015

Location: 3/24/2015-S. JUD.

Calendar: 3/24/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Would revise the definition of a nonminor dependent and former nonminor dependent to include a nonminor who was subject to an order for foster care placement at any time before he or she attained 12 years of age and who has not attained 21 years of age. This bill would make conforming changes to allow a court to assume or resume dependency jurisdiction or transition jurisdiction over a nonminor who satisfies this criteria. Because the bill would expand the application of the above county administered programs, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

YLC

[SB 68](#) (Liu D) Minor parents: reunification services.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. JUD.

Summary: Current law prohibits the court from ordering reunification for a parent or guardian described under specified provisions, unless the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that reunification is in the best interest of the child. This bill would instead require the court to order reunification services for a parent described under those provisions if the parent was a minor at the time when the facts that gave rise to the condition for the court to deny reunification services occurred. Because providing reunification services imposes additional duties on social workers and other county employees, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Organization

[SB 69](#) (Leno D) Budget Act of 2015.

Location: 1/9/2015-S. BUDGET & F.R.

Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization

[SB 124](#) (Leno D) Juveniles: solitary confinement.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. PUB. S.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, HANCOCK, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit a person confined in a juvenile facility who is a danger to himself, herself, or others as a result of a mental disorder, or who is gravely disabled, from being subject to solitary confinement, and would require that the person be transported to, and evaluated at, a designated facility. The bill would also prohibit a person, other than one described above, who is detained in any

secure state or local juvenile facility from being subject to solitary confinement unless certain conditions are satisfied.

Organization

[SB 214](#) (Berryhill R) Foster care services.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law declares the intent of the Legislature to preserve and strengthen a child's family ties whenever possible, removing the child from the custody of his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or for the safety and protection of the public. Current law includes various provisions relating to appropriate placement and other services for children in foster care. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to foster children.

Organization

[SB 238](#) (Mitchell D) Foster care: psychotropic medication.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Health Care Services, and stakeholders, develop updates to the implementation of these provisions with regard to dependent children and related forms. The bill would require the updates to ensure, among other things, that the child and his or her caregiver and court-appointed special advocate, if any, have an opportunity to provide input on the medications being prescribed, and would require the updates to include a process for periodic oversight by the court of orders regarding the administration of psychotropic medications. The bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt or amend rules of court and forms to implement the updates. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

NCYL

[SB 252](#) (Leno D) Pupils: diploma alternatives: fees.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. ED.

Calendar: 3/25/2015 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE EDUCATION, LIU, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit the State Department of Education from charging the fee for an examination application to a homeless child or youth who can verify his or her status as a homeless youth. The bill would authorize a homeless services provider, as defined, that has knowledge of the person's housing status to verify the person's status for purposes of these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

[SB 253](#) (Monning D) Dependent children: psychotropic medication.

Last Amend: 3/23/2015

Location: 3/23/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Current law authorizes only a juvenile court judicial officer to make orders regarding the administration of psychotropic medications for a dependent child who has been removed from the physical custody of his or her parent. This bill would require that an order authorizing the administration of psychotropic medications to a dependent child be granted only upon the demonstration of clear and convincing evidence that specified criteria are met, including a requirement that the prescribing physician attest under penalty of perjury that he or she has conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the child, as specified.

Organization

NCYL

[SB 261](#) (Hancock D) Community correctional centers.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Board of Parole Hearings to conduct a youth offender parole hearing for offenders sentenced to state prison who committed those specified crimes when they were under 23 years of age. The bill would require the board to complete, by July 1, 2017, all youth offender parole hearings for individuals who become entitled to have their parole suitability considered at a youth offender parole hearing on the effective date of the bill.

Organization

NCYL

[SB 296](#) (Cannella R) Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services: documentation requirements.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. HEALTH

Summary: Would require the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to develop a single set of service documentation requirements for the provision of specialty mental health services by March 31, 2016, for use commencing July 1, 2016, and would require the department to update the documentation requirements no less than every 2 years. The bill would generally prohibit counties from requiring additional documentation requirements for Medi-Cal specialty mental health services that go beyond the documentation requirements developed by the department.

Organization

[SB 316](#) (Mitchell D) Dependency proceedings: counsel.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. JUD.

Summary: Would prohibit counsel representing a child or nonminor dependent in dependency proceedings from having a caseload that exceeds a certain number of clients, as specified. The bill would delete the requirement that the Judicial Council promulgate rules of court to establish caseload standards.

Organization

CAI

[SB 319](#) (Beall D) Child welfare services: public health nursing.

Location: 3/10/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Would require a county to provide the services of a foster care public health nurse to children in foster care by contracting with the community child health and disability prevention program established in that county. The bill would require a foster care public health nurse to monitor and oversee each child in foster care who is administered one or more psychotropic medications, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

NCYL

[SB 382](#) (Lara D) Crimes: uncertified highway carriers of persons.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law makes it a crime for a person, individually or in specified capacities, to sell, offer for sale, or to advertise himself or herself as one who sells or offers for sale, transportation on an individual fare basis on public highways, unless the transportation is provided by a carrier that is properly certified or permitted, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Organization

YLC

[SB 401](#) (Nguyen R) Day cares.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Current law, the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of child day care facilities, as defined, and crisis nurseries by the State Department of Social Services. Current law requires that the maximum licensed capacity for those facilities be based on 35 square feet of indoor activity space per child. This bill would exempt those facilities from the 35 square footage requirement if the facility is located in an office building.

Organization

[SB 445](#) (Liu D) Pupil instruction and services: homeless children.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. ED.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE EDUCATION, LIU, Chair

Summary: Would require a local educational agency serving a homeless child, once a child becomes a homeless child, to allow the homeless child to continue his or her education in the school of origin through the duration of the homelessness, and would set forth related requirements governing the enrollment of homeless children. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

PC

[SB 459](#) (Liu D) State government: data.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require data collected from state and county agencies pursuant to existing mandatory reporting requirements to be shared among state agencies, would authorize state agencies to share data, between and among state agencies, county agencies, local education agencies, researchers, practitioners, and organizations serving youth and families, consistent with state and federal privacy and data protection laws, and would encourage these agencies to cooperate to utilize data and develop protocols for exchanging information safely and securely.

Organization

[SB 463](#) (Hancock D) School climate: Safe and Supportive Schools Train the Trainer Program.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. ED.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE EDUCATION, LIU, Chair

Summary: Would establish the Safe and Supportive Schools Train the Trainer Program. The bill would require the designated county office of education to consult with specified organizations and to be in charge of establishing specific professional development activities that will lead to statewide professional development support structures and a network of trainers allowing for the development and expansion of the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports programs, restorative justice, social and emotional learning, trauma-informed practice, and cultural competency professional development in each region of the state, as provided.

Organization

PC

[SB 478](#) (Huff R) Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act: mandated reporters: pilot program.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. PUB. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, HANCOCK, Chair

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2021, authorize certain county welfare agencies to develop a pilot program for Internet-based reporting of child abuse and neglect, as specified. The bill would also require the State Department of Social Services to consult with the County Welfare Directors Association and the county welfare agencies of the individual counties to determine which counties may be involved in the pilot program.

Organization

[SB 484](#) (Beall D) Juveniles.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: The California Community Care Facilities Act provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities, including foster family homes and group homes, by the State Department of Social Services. A violation of this act is a misdemeanor. This bill would require the department director to include in that list specified information regarding administering psychotropic medications to children in those facilities.

Organization

NCYL

[SB 498](#) (Hancock D) Criminal statistics: juveniles.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. PUB. S.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, HANCOCK, Chair

Summary: Current aw requires the Department of Justice to collect specified criminal justice information from local law enforcement agencies and prepare an annual report presenting the data to the Governor and certain public officials. This bill would require the annual report to include both statewide and county level information, and would expand the scope and level of detail in the information reported, by requiring, among other things, information about the county of commitment, the type of sentence imposed, the age at the time of the alleged offense, and whether gang, weapon or other sentencing enhancements were imposed.

Organization

YLC

[SB 527](#) (Liu D) Education finance: Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund Grant Program.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. ED.

Summary: Would express findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the purposes of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act. The bill would specify the administrative duties and responsibilities of the State Department of Education with respect to the administration, commencing with the 2016-17 fiscal year, of a Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund Grant Program, pursuant to

which the department would issue a request for proposal to school districts each fiscal year and would make grants to applicant school districts. The bill would set forth criteria to guide the department in awarding grants under the program.

Organization

PC

SB 636 (Liu D) Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Would create the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program. This bill would require that moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the program be allocated proportionally by the State Department of Social Services to each county program based on the number of homeless youth in the county. The bill would authorize a county to establish the program or request the department to administer the program, in which case the department would be required to retain the county's proportional share of funds and directly administer a program in that county.

Organization

SB 731 (Leno D) Foster children: housing: gender identity.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. HUM. S.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Would require foster children and nonminor dependents in out-of-home-care to be placed according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records. The bill would require the division to promulgate regulations implementing these provisions. By expanding the duties of counties relating to the placement of foster children and nonminor dependents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization

SB 794 (Committee on Human Services) Child welfare services.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. HUM. S.

Summary: Would require county child welfare agencies, by September 30, 2016, to develop and implement policies and procedures to identify, document, and determine appropriate services for children and youth who are receiving child welfare services pursuant to federal law and are, or are at risk of becoming, victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The bill would also require county child welfare agencies, by July 1, 2016, to develop and implement specific protocols to expeditiously locate any child missing from foster care, as specified.

Organization

Total Measures: 67

Total Tracking Forms: 67