

An act to amend Section 15204.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
relating to CalWORKs.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15204.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

15204.2. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the annual Budget Act appropriate state and federal funds in a single allocation to counties for the support of administrative activities undertaken by the counties to provide benefit payments to recipients of aid under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 and to provide required work activities and supportive services in order to efficiently and effectively carry out the purposes of that chapter.

~~(b) (1) No later than 30 days after the enactment of the Budget Act of 2004, the State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall estimate the amount of unspent funds appropriated in the 2003-04 fiscal year single allocation described in this section.~~

~~(2) Unspent funds appropriated in the 2003-04 fiscal year single allocation, not to exceed forty million dollars (\$40,000,000), shall be reappropriated to, and in augmentation of, Item 5180-101-0890 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2004. The State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall develop an allocation methodology for these funds. A planning allocation, based on the estimated amount of unspent funds and the agreed upon allocation methodology, shall be provided to the counties no later than 30 days after the enactment of the Budget Act of 2004.~~

~~(c) (1) No later than 30 days after the enactment of the Budget Act of 2005, the State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall estimate the amount of unspent funds appropriated in the 2004-05 fiscal year single allocation described in this section.~~

~~(2) Unspent funds appropriated in the 2004-05 fiscal year single allocation, not to exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), shall be reappropriated to, and in augmentation of, Item 5180-101-0890 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2005. The State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall develop an allocation methodology for these funds in order to partially offset the estimated savings due to the implementation of the quarterly reporting/prospective budgeting. A planning allocation, based on the estimated amount of unspent funds and the agreed upon allocation methodology, shall be provided to the counties no later than 30 days after the enactment of the Budget Act of 2005.~~

~~(d) The State Department of Social Services shall work with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, to determine the effect of implementation of the quarterly reporting/prospective budgeting system on eligibility activities and evaluate the impact on administrative costs.~~

~~(e)~~

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), commencing with the 2020-21 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the funding provided for stage one childcare, as described in Article 15.5 (commencing with Section 8350) of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, and the funding provided for the administration and processing of Trustline applications, as described in Chapter 3.35 (commencing with Section 1596.60) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be allocated to counties separately from the single allocation described in subdivision



(a) for purposes of providing direct stage one childcare services and stage one childcare-related administration pursuant to ~~Article 15.5 of the Education Code.~~
administration.

(2) The single allocation funding provided pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be required to be used to fund the costs of stage one childcare, stage one childcare administration, or stage one childcare provider Trustline application administration and processing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. _____
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: CalWORKs: stage one childcare: funding.

Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law generally requires a recipient of CalWORKs benefits to participate in welfare-to-work activities as a condition of eligibility for aid. Existing law requires that necessary supportive services be available to participants in welfare-to-work activities, including childcare, which is provided pursuant to the Child Care and Development Services Act. The act establishes 3 stages of childcare services through which a recipient of CalWORKs will pass. The act requires county welfare departments to manage the first stage of childcare, and requires the State Department of Education to manage the 2nd and 3rd stages. Existing law requires stage one childcare providers who are exempt from licensure to be registered as Trustline providers.

Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the annual Budget Act appropriate state and federal funds in a single allocation to counties for the support of administrative activities undertaken by the counties to provide CalWORKs benefit payments, required work activities, and supportive services, as specified. Existing law requires, however, that commencing with the 2020–21 fiscal year, the funding provided for stage one childcare to be allocated to counties separately from that single allocation.

This bill would require that the separate allocation for stage one childcare include the funding to administer and process Trustline applications for stage one childcare providers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

