

An act to add Sections 10270 and 10284.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to childcare.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10270 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

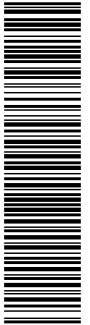
10270. (a) On and after the date on which the department determines that the Financial Information System for California (FISCAL Project) has been implemented within the department, at the request of a contractor, for a contract executed by the department pursuant to Section 10268.5, the department shall request the Controller to make a payment via direct deposit by electronic funds transfer through the FISCAL Project.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department may contract with a qualified public or private entity to make direct deposit via electronic funds transfer available to any entity providing childcare and development services pursuant to Section 10268.5.

(c) (1) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(2) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual, and shall not be subject to the approval of the Department of General Services.

SEC. 2. Section 10284.6 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:
10284.6. The department, in consultation with the Controller in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 10270, shall establish the necessary plans to advance childcare funds to contracting agencies.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Childcare: contractors: direct deposit payment.

Existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, provides that children up to 13 years of age are eligible, with certain requirements, for childcare and development services. Existing law authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into and execute local contractual agreements with any public or private entity or agency for the delivery of childcare and development services related to the delivery of childcare and development services or the furnishing of property, facilities, personnel, supplies, equipment, and administrative services related to the delivery of childcare development services.

Existing law, commencing July 1, 2021, transfers responsibility for the administration of specified childcare and development services programs from the State Department of Education to the State Department of Social Services. Existing law requires statutory references to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for purposes of the programs transferred to the State Department of Social Services on July 1, 2021, to instead be construed to mean the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would authorize the State Department of Social Services to request the Controller to make a payment via direct deposit by electronic funds transfer through the Financial Information System for California (FISCAL Project) at the request of a contractor for a contract executed by the department, as specified, and would authorize the department to contract with a qualified public or private entity to make the direct deposit. The bill would also require the department, in consultation with the Controller, to establish the necessary plans to advance childcare funds to contracting agencies.

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

