An act to amend Section 10300.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to childcare.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 10300.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

10300.5. (a) The department and the State Department of Education shall promote full utilization of child care and development and preschool funds and match available unused funds with identified service needs. The department and the State Department of Education shall attempt to arrange intra-agency adjustments between California state preschool program contracts and general child care contracts for the same agency and funding allocation. The department and the State Department of Education shall establish timelines for intra-agency contract fund transfers.

(b) The department shall promote full utilization of child care and development program funds and match available unused funds with identified service needs. Notwithstanding the requirements of Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, the department shall arrange interagency adjustments between different contractors with the same type of contract when both agencies mutually agree to a temporary transfer of funds for the balance of the fiscal year. The department shall establish timelines for interagency contract fund transfers.

(c) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department and the State Department of Education may implement and administer this section through the issuance of guidance or other written directives, which may include, but is not limited to, establishing timelines for submittal of requests to transfer funds.
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, ______.
General Subject: Child care and development services.

Existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Social Services, establishes a system of childcare and development services for children up to 13 years of age. Existing law requires the department and the State Department of Education to promote full utilization of child care and development and preschool funds and match available unused funds with identified service needs, and to attempt to arrange intra-agency adjustments between California state preschool program contracts and general child care contracts for the same agency and funding allocation.

This bill would require the department to promote full utilization of child care and development program funds and match available unused funds with identified service needs, and to arrange interagency adjustments between different contractors with the same type of contract when both agencies mutually agree to a temporary transfer of funds for the balance of the fiscal year.