



2024 First 5 Association Bill Tracker

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Priority Support: The Association will send letters to each committee, testimony will be given, partner coordination will occur, members and staff will be lobbied. This title is primarily reserved for co-sponsored, and sponsored bills where partner organizations we work closely with seek our active support.

Support Bills: The Association will send letters to the bill author's legislative office and policy committees where the bills will be heard.

The policy committee will be notified if there are any changes in status from support to priority support.

Bills with Positions

Bill No.	Author	Description	Status	Position
AB 1808	Nguyen and Davies	<p>Childcare and development services: eligibility. Existing law requires the department to administer childcare and development programs that offer a full range of services to eligible children from infancy to 13 years of age, inclusive. Under the act, upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing eligibility for services, a family is considered to meet all eligibility and need requirements for those services, is required to receive those services before having their eligibility or need recertified and shall not be required to report changes to income or other changes, for at least 24 months, except as specified. Among other exceptions, a family receiving services under a CalWORKs Stage 1, Stage 2, or Stage 3 program is considered to meet all eligibility and need requirements for those services, is required to receive those services before having their eligibility or need recertified and shall not be required to report changes to income or other changes, for at least 12 months.</p> <p>This bill would delete that 12-month exception for CalWORKs Stage 1, Stage 2, or Stage 3 programs.</p>	Passed Asm. Human Services 4/3 (7-0), referred to Asm. Approps	Watch

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AB 1830	Arambula	Corn masa flour: folic acid fortification. This bill would require a manufacturer of corn masa flour to add folic acid at a level not to exceed 0.7 milligrams of folic acid per pound of corn masa flour and to include a declaration of folic acid on the nutrition label in accordance with applicable federal law.	Passed Asm. Health on 3/19 (14-0), Passed Asm. Approps 4/10 (14-0).	Watch
AB 1895	Weber	Maternity Ward Closures: This bill would require an acute care hospital that offers maternity services when those services are at risk of closure in the next 12 months to provide specified information to DHCS and DPH. DHCS and DPH would then be required to conduct a community impact assessment to determine the 3 closest hospitals offering maternity services in the geographic area and their distance from the at-risk facility. The bill would require the hospital to provide public notice of the potential closure, including the results of the community impact assessment, and other specified information on the hospital's internet website 90 days in advance of the proposed closure. The bill would require the public to be permitted to comment on the potential closure for 60 days after the notice is given and would require at least one noticed public hearing be conducted by the hospital.	To be heard in Asm Health on 4/16	Watch
AB 2110	Arambula	Medi-Cal: Adverse Childhood Experiences trauma screenings: providers. This bill would require the department to include (1) community-based organizations and local health jurisdictions that provide health services through community health workers and (2) doulas, that are enrolled Medi-Cal providers, as providers qualified to provide, and eligible to receive payments for, ACEs trauma screenings.	To be heard in Asm Health on 4/9	Watch
AB 2123	Papan	Disability compensation: paid family leave. Existing law establishes, within the state disability insurance program, a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the paid family leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits to workers who take time off work to care for certain seriously ill family members, to	Passed Asm Insurance Committee on 4/3 (12-0),	Watch

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		bond with a minor child within one year of birth or placement, as specified, or to participate in a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of certain family members. This bill would eliminate that authorization and related provisions. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes. This bill contains other existing laws.	referred to Asm Approps	
AB 2222	Rubio	California Kids Read. This bill would, among other things, require the commission, on or before January 1, 2027, to update its literacy standards of program quality and effectiveness, literacy teaching performance expectations, and literacy instruction preconditions for program sponsors offering Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist Credentials and Reading and Literacy Added Authorizations, or any other reading- or literacy-specific credential, certification, or authorization developed by the commission, in order to ensure compliance with effective means of teaching literacy, as defined, and adherence to the science reading, as provided	Referred to Asm Committee on Ed, held in committee and will not advance this year.	Watch
AB 2268	Muratsuchi	English learners: English language proficiency assessment. This bill would expressly state that the requirement for pupils in kindergarten to be assessed in English listening and speaking does not include pupils in transitional kindergarten.	Passed Asm (73-0), ordered to Senate on 4/11.	Watch
AB 2319	Wilson and Weber	California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act. This bill would make a legislative finding that the Legislature recognizes all birthing people, including nonbinary persons and persons of transgender experience. The bill would extend the evidence-based implicit bias training requirements to also include hospitals that provide perinatal care, as defined.	Passed Asm. Health (12-2) on 4/3, referred to Asm. Approps	Watch
AB 2340	Bonta	Medi-Cal: early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) services. Would prohibit limits on EPSDT services when those services are medically necessary. The bill would require a Medi-Cal	Referred to Health Committee	Watch

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		managed care plan to cover all medically necessary EPSDT services, unless otherwise carved out of the contract between the managed care plan and the department, regardless of whether those services are covered under the Medi-Cal State Plan		
AB 2343	Schiavo	CalWORKS: Child Care Navigation. This bill would create an allowable expense in the CalWORKs Stage 1 and 2 programs for agencies to provide additional support and navigation on accessing child care services for families experiencing homelessness and/or escaping domestic violence. This would be within existing funds and just create an opportunity for administering agencies to expand supports with existing administrative funds.	Referred to Human Services, hearing canceled at request of Author, no hearing date listed.	Watch
AB 2828	Bains	Kids License Plates Program. This bill would increase the fees for the initial issuance and renewal of the “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plates. The bill would allocate, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, 50% of the fees collected on or after January 1, 2026, to local childcare resource and referral programs, for specified purposes, including recruitment and training of new childcare providers, and to the State Department of Social Services for administering the above-described childcare licensing provisions, in equal measure except that in no case shall the allocation to the department be less than the amount appropriated in the 2022–2023 fiscal year. The bill would require a portion of the funds to be allocated to the agency having oversight of new and continuing childcare provider health and safety education and training program curriculum for specified purposes. Of the fees collected on or after January 1, 2026, the bill would allocate a portion to the State Department of Public Health in support of addressing childhood injury prevention and a portion to county commissions, as prescribed, that elect	Approved by Asm Human Services (7-0) and referred to Transportation	Support



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		to receive funding and would limit the spending of those funds for certain purposes, including administering the California Unintentional Injury Prevention Strategic Plan Project. The bill would require that no more than 5% of the funds allocated to address childhood injury prevention be available to the nonprofit organization that provides administrative and staff support to the California Unintentional Injury Prevention Strategic Plan Project and would require the nonprofit organization to report annually to the State Department of Public Health on its activities and support evidence-based technical assistance and training for childhood unintentional injury prevention programs to the county commissions.		
AB 2866	Pellerin	Pool Safety. The bill would require a child daycare facility licensed by the department with a swimming pool to have either the mesh fence or enclosure and a pool cover or safety alarm. The bill would require the child day care facility to perform a daily inspection of the safety features and maintain a log to be provided to the department during scheduled inspections. The bill would require the department to update its regulations accordingly. Because a willful or repeated violation of these provisions by a child day care facility would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Passed Asm Health (7-0), referred to Asm Human Services	Watch
AB 2949	Rendon	Family child care home education networks. This bill would require that tools used to make family assessments be appropriate to family childcare home settings and would require a family childcare home education network program to maintain a developmental portfolio for each child, as provided, and include opportunities for parent involvement. This bill would impose additional requirements on family childcare home education network contractors, including that the developmental profiles specified above be completed in accordance with the provider's observations and that the contractors conduct a parent survey. The bill would also impose various duties on family childcare home education	Passed Asm. Human Services (6-0) on 4/10, referred to Asm. On Ed	Watch

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		network providers, including requiring providers to adopt and use a curriculum and to provide age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate educational activities for children.		
AB 2956	Boerner	Medi-Cal eligibility: redetermination. This bill would require the department to seek federal approval to extend continuous eligibility to individuals over 19 years of age and make various changes to the above-described redetermination procedures. The bill would, among other things, require the county, in the event of a loss of contact, to attempt communication with the intended recipient through all additionally available channels before completing a redetermination. The bill would require the county to make another review of certain obtained information to renew eligibility without needing a response from a beneficiary. The bill would require the county to complete a determination at renewal without requesting additional information or documentation if specified conditions are met, relating to, among other things, prior income verification and no contradictory information on file.	Amended 3/13 and sent to Asm Health	Watch
AB 2967	Ting	Teacher Housing Act of 2016: amendment. This bill would amend the Teacher Housing Act of 2016 to provide its benefits to employees of nonprofit organizations operating early childhood, prekindergarten, transitional kindergarten and after-school classrooms and programs when they operate with public funding targeted to low- and moderate-income children.	Double referred to Asm Housing and Community Development, no hearing date listed.	Watch



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AB 2982	Reyes	Prenatal-to-3 working group. This bill would establish, by March 1, 2025, a workgroup to create recommendations for a statewide comprehensive, equity-focused prenatal-to-3 system agenda, as specified. The bill would require the workgroup to submit its recommendations to the administration and to the Legislature by January 31, 2026.	Referred to Human Services	Sponsor
AB 3215	Soria	Medi-Cal: mental health services for children. Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, and under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. Under existing law, specialty mental health services include federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services provided to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries under 21 years of age. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to expand access to behavioral mental health services to children receiving Medi-Cal benefits.	No committee or hearing date listed.	Watch
SB 1112	Menjivar	Medi-Cal: families with subsidized child care. Would direct the Directors of DSS and DHCS to collaborate to create an MOU between Managed Care Providers and Alternative Payment Programs to create a referral pathway for children in subsidized care to get connected to developmental screenings and health services through Medi-Cal.	Passed Asm Health (11-0), referred to Asm Human Services	Watch
SB 1307	Becker	Childcare and development services: eligibility and priority. This bill would extend eligibility for subsidized childcare and development services, to the extent funds are available in the next state plan, to families with a family member who has verified employment of at least 20 hours or more per week at a childcare center or family childcare home, regardless of household income.	Referred to Asm Human Services, no hearing date scheduled.	Watch

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SB 1396	Alvarado-Gil	CalWORKS: Home Visiting. This bill would extend the age range of the CalWORKS home visiting program to match program model duration.	Referred to Asm. Human Services	Watch
SB 1401	Blakespear	Family childcare home: United States Armed Forces. Existing law generally requires the State Department of Social Services to license and regulate various types of child daycare facilities, including, among others, daycare centers and family daycare homes. Under existing law, a willful or repeated violation of those provisions is a crime. Existing law exempts from those provisions various entities, including, among others, community care facilities, certain program facilities administered by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and extended daycare programs operated by public or private schools. This bill would also exempt, from the above-described licensing and regulation provisions, a family childcare home administered by a person certified as a family childcare provider by a branch of the United States Armed Forces and that exclusively provides care for children of eligible federal personnel, as defined, and surviving spouses.	Passed Asm. Human Services (5-0), referred to Asm. Approps.	Watch