

TOP BILLS IN 2019

Affecting Child Care in California



In addition to our bill, AB 378 The Building a Better Early Care and Education System Act (Limón), the California State Legislature is considering several legislative proposals between now and September 2019.

Below are some of the bills we are co-sponsoring and supporting.

Bills We Are Co-Sponsoring:

SB 234 (Skinner) “Keeping Kids Close to Home Act”- Providers are routinely discriminated against by rental property owners, despite current state law and regulatory guidance to protect them. This red tape and housing discrimination force many family childcare providers to close or hold back from expanding to care for more children. This bill aims to protect providers from housing discrimination by:

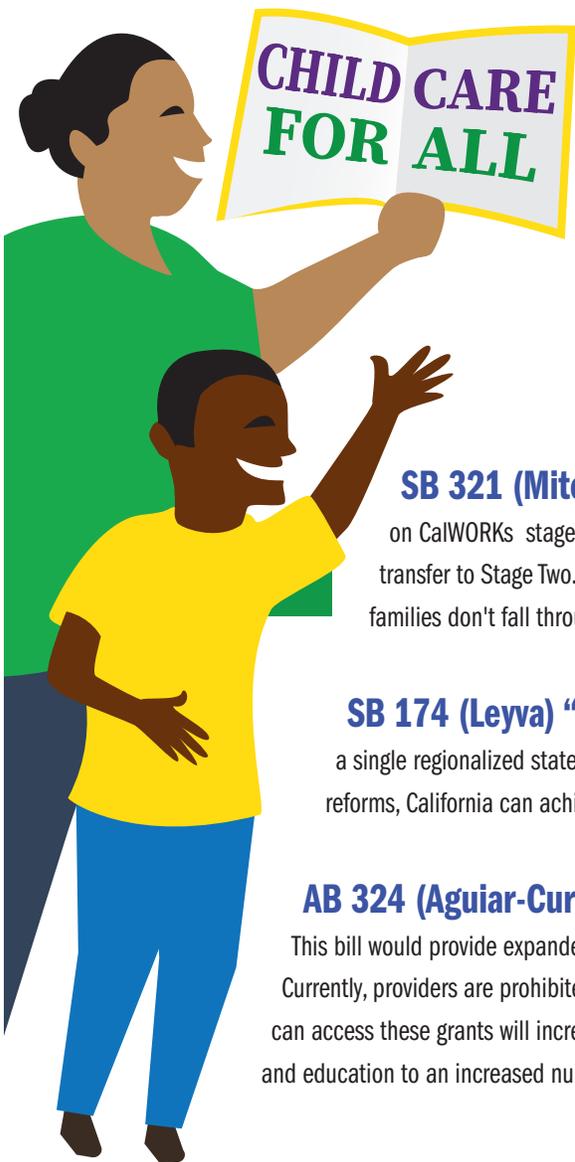
- Reducing red tape by requiring that local governments treat licensed large family child care homes (14 children) the same as small family child care homes (8 children) – as a residential use of property for the purposes of all local ordinances.
- Clarifying that licensed family child care homes are allowed in apartments and other types of multifamily units.
- Updating housing protections for licensed family child care providers to ensure they will not be prohibited from opening or operating solely for providing childcare.
- Clarifying that childcare providers can file for protection under the Fair Employment and Housing Act if they are discriminated against.

SB 321 (Mitchell) “A Strong Start for CalWORKs Families”- This bill would bring families on CalWORKs stage 1 in line with stages 2 and 3 by providing continuous child care for 12 months at a time or until transfer to Stage Two. This bill would also set up online data sharing between counties and child care contractors so families don't fall through the cracks as they transition between the various stages of CalWORKs child care.

SB 174 (Leyva) “Child Care Stabilization Act (rate reform-Senate)”- This bill would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for child care, preschool, and early learning services. Through these reforms, California can achieve a more equitable system to support children and families and maximize public benefit.

AB 324 (Aguiar-Curry) Professional Support Stipends for Family Child Care Providers -

This bill would provide expanded childcare workforce development grants to new providers. Currently, providers are prohibited from accessing these grants. Ensuring that providers can access these grants will increase our state's capacity to administer a higher level of care and education to an increased number of children.



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Bills We Support:

AB 194 (Gomez-Reyes) Child Care Access - Requires \$1 billion, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act or other statute, to be made available to immediately improve access to alternative payment programs and general child care and development programs, as specified, for the state’s eligible children and families in need.

AB 1012 (Reyes) Bilingualism for All Act - This would build on previous state investments by providing multi-year support to increase the number of skilled teachers who can help students become bilingual and biliterate. The bill funds the start-up or expansion of Dual Language or Developmental Bilingual Programs from birth through 12th grade and supports excellence by establishing the California Exemplary Bilingual and Biliteracy Program.

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