

May Revision Child Care Trailer Bill and Budget Bill Language Summary

May Revision trailer bill language provides additional detail on the Administration's proposal to require the California Department of Education (Department) to create a plan to move to a streamlined child care system with a voucher-only method of subsidy. The new language requires the Department to include the following in its recommendations:

- A single system of provider reimbursement based on the cost of doing business.
- A single set of minimum quality and program guidelines for all subsidized providers, by setting.
- Improved efficiency for parents to access information about subsidized care, to apply for and use vouchers, and to access care that meets their needs.
- Improved efficiency for providers accepting subsidies to receive payment for services.

May Revision trailer bill language also includes several new child care proposals.

Federal Child Care Quality Activities

- Increases federal funding for child care quality activities by \$9.2 million, in alignment with new federal requirements.
- Requires the California Department of Education (Department) to create a new federal Child Care and Development Fund quality activities expenditure plan that prioritizes funding for the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System, while maintaining funding for resource and referral agencies, licensing activities, and local child care planning activities. The new plan must comply with the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014.
- Eliminates the Child Development Teacher and Supervisor Grant Program.

Single Parent Verification

For purposes of determining eligibility for child care, allows a parent to self-certify, under penalty of perjury, the presence or absence of another parent.

Notice of Action Update

Creates two different types of notices of action for families receiving subsidized child care to streamline the process for child care administrators and reduce confusion for parents.

County Offices of Education/Local Child Care Planning

Identifies county offices of education as the entities in charge of local child care planning. Specifies that all funding for local child care planning go through county offices of education.

Mid-Year CalWORKs Transfers

To provide flexibility in addressing unanticipated costs, gives the Department the authority to shift excess CalWORKs Stage 3 child care funding into CalWORKs Stage 2 child care mid-way through any current year.