

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 24, 2025

SENATE BILL

No. 118

Introduced by Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

January 23, 2025

~~An act relating to the Budget Act of 2025.~~ *An act to amend Sections 1991, 1995, 10072.3, 11265.15, 12306.16, and 16121 of, to add Sections 16506.5 and 18917.1 to, and to add, repeal, and add Section 16121.5 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 118, as amended, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.
~~Budget Act of 2025.~~ *Human services.*

(1) Existing federal law provides for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county.

Existing law establishes a statewide electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system, administered by the State Department of Social Services, for the purpose of providing financial and food assistance benefits, including CalFresh benefits. Existing law establishes the California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project and requires the department, in consultation with specified entities, to include within the EBT system a supplemental benefits mechanism that allows an authorized retailer to deliver and redeem supplemental benefits and to provide grants for pilot projects to implement and test the mechanism in existing retail settings. Existing law requires the department to evaluate the pilot

projects and make recommendations to further refine and expand the supplemental benefits mechanism, as specified.

This bill would require the department to evaluate the pilot projects that operated pursuant to the above-described provisions between February 1, 2023, and January 31, 2025, as specified.

Existing federal law, through Disaster SNAP, provides for short-term food assistance benefits to families suffering in the wake of a major disaster. Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services and the county human services agency, if the President of the United States issues a major disaster declaration for individual assistance, to request to operate a federal Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) for the regions affected by the major disaster. Existing uncodified law, in the event of a declaration by the Governor or the President of the United States of a major disaster, continuously appropriates to the department from the General Fund an amount necessary to cover specified costs relating to the administration of disaster assistance services, but not to exceed \$300,000 per disaster declaration.

This bill would codify that funding provision.

(2) Existing law requires each county to provide cash assistance and other social services for needy families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program using federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, state, and county funds. Under existing law, a county is required to annually redetermine eligibility for CalWORKs benefits and, at the time of redetermination, require the family to complete a certificate of eligibility. Existing law additionally requires the county to redetermine recipient eligibility and grant amounts on a semiannual basis and requires the recipient to submit a semiannual report form during the first semiannual reporting period following the application or annual redetermination of eligibility. Existing law requires, to the extent permitted by federal law, the State Department of Social Services to implement the semiannual reporting system, including the use of the semiannual report form, in the CalFresh program. Existing law requires the department to work with specified entities to develop and implement system changes that would prepopulate the semiannual report. Existing law requires counties to provide recipients with a prepopulated semiannual report form instead of a blank form.

This bill would instead, to the extent permitted by federal law, require counties to provide recipients with a prepopulated semiannual report,

either via mail or electronically, at the election of the recipient, instead of a blank form. The bill would require the department to complete final policy guidance for changes to the prepopulated semiannual report by August 15, 2025. To the extent that this bill would expand county responsibilities under the CalWORKs program, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) Existing federal law, the Community First Choice Option (CFCO) program, authorizes states to provide home- and community-based attendant services and supports to eligible Medicaid enrollees, as specified. Existing federal law provides federal financial participation for a state that provides services under the CFCO program.

Existing state law establishes the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, administered by the State Department of Social Services and counties, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with services in order to permit them to remain in their own homes. Existing law requires the state and counties to share the annual cost of providing IHSS pursuant to a specified cost ratio. Existing law requires all counties to have a rebased County IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and requires the rebased MOE to be adjusted for the annualized cost of increases in provider wages, health benefits, or other benefits, as prescribed. If the state ceases to receive federal financial participation for the provision of services, existing law requires the rebased County IHSS MOE to be adjusted to require a county to pay a 35% share of the enhanced federal financial participation that would have been received.

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2026, require a county to pay, separate from the rebased County IHSS MOE payment, a 100% share of the enhanced federal financial participation that would have been received if the state ceases to receive that funding for the provision of services due to noncompliance of timely case reassessment for the federal CFCO program. The bill would, for the 2025–26 fiscal year, require the state and county to each pay 50% of the amount of that lost enhanced federal financial participation. The bill would require the department to develop guidance to implement these provisions.

(4) Existing law requires the state, through the State Department of Social Services and county welfare departments, to establish and support a public system of statewide child welfare services to be developed as rapidly as possible and to be available in each county of the state. Existing law requires family maintenance services to be provided or arranged for by county welfare department staff, in order to maintain

a child in their own home. Existing law identifies the categories of families to which these services are available. Existing law defines a “child and family team” as a group of individuals who are convened by the placing agency and who are engaged through a variety of team-based processes to identify the strengths and needs of the child or youth and their family, and to help achieve positive outcomes for safety, permanency, and well-being. Existing law defines a “child and family team meeting” as a convening of all or some members of the child and family team that may be requested by any member of the child and family team.

This bill would require, beginning July 1, 2025, all county child welfare agencies to convene child and family team meetings for children and youth receiving family maintenance services. By increasing the duties of county child welfare agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law establishes the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), administered by the State Department of Social Services, to benefit children residing in foster homes by providing the stability and security of permanent homes. Existing law requires the department or the county, whichever is responsible for determining the child’s AAP eligibility, to assess the needs of the child and the circumstances of the family, with the amount of a cash benefit being determined based on those factors. Existing law authorizes payment to be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible child in a state-approved group home, short-term residential therapeutic program, or residential care treatment facility if the department or county responsible for determining payment has confirmed that the placement is necessary, and, if the placement is out-of-state, requires the facility to be eligible for Title IV-E funded placements in the state in which it is situated.

This bill would authorize AAP payments for placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility, as defined, if one or more of the adoptive parents reside in the state in which the residential treatment facility is located and the responsible public agency, as defined, has confirmed that placement is necessary. The bill would require counties, commencing September 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to provide specified information to the department regarding out-of-state residential treatment facilities and the children placed in those facilities, and would require the department to provide guidance to counties regarding steps necessary to document the requirements of these

provisions. By imposing duties on counties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law prohibits the AAP rate paid on behalf of the child for these placements from exceeding the rate paid for a short-term residential therapeutic program. Existing law establishes a Tiered Rate Structure, as specified, upon which the per child per month rate for every child in foster care is based, which includes 3 components, including an amount paid to the foster care provider for care and supervision of the child, a strengths building allocation to provide for a child's strengths building objectives, and an immediate needs allocation to provide for the child's immediate needs, and establishes payment tiers, as specified. Existing law requires the 3 components of the Tiered Rate Structure to become operative on July 1, 2027, or the date that the department notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to implement the Tiered Rate Structure, whichever is later.

The bill would prohibit the AAP rate for an out-of-state residential treatment facility from exceeding the lesser of the rate paid for a foster care placement in a short-term residential therapeutic program or the rate determined by the ratesetting authority in the state in which the out-of-state residential treatment facility is located. Upon the 3 components of the Tiered Rate Structure becoming operative, this bill would instead prohibit the AAP payment rate from exceeding the lesser of the sum of the 3 components of the Tiered Rate Structure or the rate determined by the ratesetting authority in the state in which the out-of-state residential treatment facility is located.

(5) Existing law establishes the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program to provide county-based custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the Division of Juvenile Justice or who would have otherwise been eligible for commitment to the division. Existing law appropriates moneys from the General Fund for the 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 fiscal years in specified amounts for these purposes, and specifies how those funds are to be allocated to counties based on specified criteria. Existing law requires the Governor and the Legislature to work with stakeholders to establish a distribution methodology.

This bill would make an appropriation for the 2025–26, 2026–27, 2027–28, and 2028–29 fiscal years from the General Fund in the amount of \$208,800,000 each year and specify the by-county distribution methodology for each fiscal year, as specified. The bill would require,

by January 10, 2030, the Office of Youth and Community Restoration to review the formula within these provisions and report to the Legislature with an assessment of the formula's efficacy in meeting the Legislature's intent to implement public health approaches to support positive youth development and outcomes, build the capacity of a continuum of community-based approaches, and reduce recidivism.

In order to be eligible for funding under the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program, existing law requires a county to create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council, as specified, to develop a plan describing facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for youth who were eligible for commitment to the division. Under existing law, the plan is required to include specified information, including a detailed facility plan.

This bill would additionally require the plan to include a description of less restrictive programs used by the county and an accounting of all expenditures for funding during the prior fiscal year, as specified.

Existing law establishes the Board of State and Community Corrections, with the mission of providing statewide leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice system. Existing law requires the judge of the juvenile court of a county to inspect any jail, juvenile hall, lockup, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or secure youth treatment facility that was used for the confinement of a juvenile for more than 24 hours in the preceding calendar year, as specified. Existing law requires the court to notify the operator of the facility of any observed noncompliance, and make a finding of suitability of the facility for the confinement of juveniles. Existing law requires the board to conduct a biennial inspection of each jail, juvenile hall, lockup, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or secure youth treatment facility, as specified, and notify the operator of the facility of any noncompliance.

This bill would prohibit a county board of supervisors from allocating funding pursuant to the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant to any juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or secure youth treatment facility that is, or at any time during the prior fiscal year was, unsuitable and used for the confinement of youth on any day when the facility was prohibited by law from being used for the confinement of youth. The bill would authorize the county board of supervisors to withhold funding from any

entity that is, or at any time during the prior fiscal year was, operating an unsuitable juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or secure youth treatment facility and is confining or did confine one or more youth in the unsuitable facility on any day when the facility was prohibited by law from being used for confinement of youth, as specified.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

(7) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes relating to the Budget Act of 2025.~~

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1991 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1991. (a) ~~Commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year, and~~
4 ~~annually thereafter, there~~ There shall be an allocation to the county
5 for use by the county to provide appropriate rehabilitative housing
6 and supervision services for the population specified in subdivision
7 (b) of Section 1990. In making allocations, the county board of
8 supervisors shall consider the plan required in Section 1995. Any
9 entity receiving a direct allocation of funding from the county
10 board of supervisors under this section for any secure residential
11 placement for court-ordered detention will be subject to ~~existing~~
12 ~~regulations~~; and shall comply with existing law and regulations,
13 including, but not limited to, Section 209. A county board of
14 supervisors shall not allocate funding to any juvenile hall, camp,
15 ranch, or secure youth treatment facility that is, or at any time
16 during the prior fiscal year was, unsuitable and used for the

1 *confinement of youth on any day when the facility was prohibited*
2 *by law from being used for the confinement of youth pursuant to*
3 *Section 209. A county board of supervisors may withhold funding*
4 *from any entity that is, or at any time during the prior fiscal year*
5 *was, operating an unsuitable juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or secure*
6 *youth treatment facility and is confining or did confine one or more*
7 *youth in the unsuitable facility on any day when the facility was*
8 *prohibited by law from being used for confinement of youth*
9 *pursuant to Section 209. This section does not preclude a county*
10 *board of supervisors from allocating funding to an entity if either*
11 *the entity ceases confining youth in an unsuitable facility, or the*
12 *unsuitable facility, after reinspection, is found to have remedied*
13 *the conditions that rendered the facility unsuitable and is found*
14 *to be a suitable place for confinement of youth. With the exception*
15 *of county probation departments, a local public agency that has*
16 *primary responsibility for prosecuting or making arrests or*
17 *detentions shall not provide rehabilitative and supervision services*
18 *for the population specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1990 or*
19 *receive funding pursuant to this section:*

20 (1) For the 2021–22 fiscal year, thirty-nine million nine hundred
21 forty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,949,000) shall be appropriated
22 from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and
23 supervision services for the population specified in subdivision
24 (b) of Section 1990 based on a projected average daily population
25 of 177.6 wards. The by-county distribution shall be based on 30
26 percent of the per-county percentage of the average number of
27 wards committed to the Department of Corrections and
28 Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice, as of December 31,
29 2018, June 30, 2019, and December 31, 2019, 50 percent of the
30 by-county distribution of juveniles adjudicated for certain violent
31 and serious felony crime categories per 2018 Juvenile Court and
32 Probation Statistical System data, updated annually based on the
33 most recently available data, and 20 percent of the by-county
34 distribution of all individuals between 10 and 17 years of age,
35 inclusive, from the preceding calendar year.

36 (2) For the 2022–23 fiscal year, one hundred eighteen million
37 three hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$118,339,000) shall
38 be appropriated from the General Fund to provide appropriate
39 rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified
40 in subdivision (b) of Section 1990. The by-county distribution is

1 based on the per-county percentage referenced in paragraph (1) of
2 subdivision (a) and a projected average daily population of 526
3 wards.

4 (3) For the 2023–24 fiscal year, one hundred ninety-two million
5 thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$192,037,000) shall be appropriated
6 from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and
7 supervision services for the population specified in subdivision
8 (b) of Section 1990. The by-county distribution is based on the
9 per-county percentage referenced in paragraph (1) of subdivision
10 (a) and a projected average daily population of 853.5 wards.

11 (4) For the 2024–25 fiscal year, two hundred eight million eight
12 hundred thousand dollars (\$208,800,000) shall be appropriated
13 from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and
14 supervision services for the population specified in subdivision
15 (b) of Section 1990. The by-county distribution is based on the
16 per-county percentage referenced in paragraph (1) of subdivision
17 (a) and a projected average daily population of 928 wards.

18 (5) For the 2025–26 fiscal year ~~and each year thereafter, year,~~
19 two hundred eight million eight hundred thousand dollars
20 (\$208,800,000) shall be appropriated from the General Fund to
21 provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services for the
22 population specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1990 ~~based on~~
23 ~~a projected average daily population of 928 wards. The Governor~~
24 ~~and the Legislature shall work with stakeholders to establish a~~
25 ~~distribution methodology for the funding in this paragraph by~~
26 ~~January 10, 2025, and ongoing that improves outcomes for this~~
27 ~~population. 1990. The by-county distribution is based on the~~
28 ~~per-county percentage referenced in paragraph (1) and a projected~~
29 ~~average daily population of 928 wards.~~

30 (6) *For the 2026–27 fiscal year, two hundred eight million eight*
31 *hundred thousand dollars (\$208,800,000) shall be appropriated*
32 *from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and*
33 *supervision services for the population specified in subdivision*
34 *(b) of Section 1990 and the by-county distribution shall be based*
35 *on the following:*

36 (A) *Twenty-five percent of the per-county percentage of the total*
37 *number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision*
38 *(b) of Section 707, per county data submissions to the Office of*
39 *Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of*
40 *subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.*

1 (B) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
2 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
3 (b) of Section 707 who were not committed to a secure youth
4 treatment facility, per county data submissions to the Office of
5 Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of
6 subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.

7 (C) Thirty-five percent of the per-county percentage of all
8 individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the
9 preceding calendar year.

10 (D) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
11 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
12 (b) of Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment
13 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program, per
14 county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community
15 Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section
16 2200.

17 (7) For the 2027–28 fiscal year, two hundred eight million eight
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$208,800,000) shall be appropriated
19 from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and
20 supervision services for the population specified in subdivision
21 (b) of Section 1990 and the by-county distribution shall be based
22 on the following:

23 (A) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
24 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
25 (b) of Section 707, per county data submissions to the Office of
26 Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of
27 subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.

28 (B) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
29 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
30 (b) of Section 707 who were not committed to a secure youth
31 treatment facility, per county data submissions to the Office of
32 Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of
33 subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.

34 (C) Thirty-five percent of the per-county percentage of all
35 individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the
36 preceding calendar year.

37 (D) Ten percent of the per-county percentage of the total number
38 of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision (b) of
39 Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment
40 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program, per

1 county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community
2 Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section
3 2200.

4 (E) Fifteen percent of the per-county percentage of the total
5 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
6 (b) of Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment
7 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program that is
8 not in a facility regulated by Subchapter 5 (commencing with
9 Section 1300) of Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 15 of the
10 California Code of Regulations, per county data submissions to
11 the Office of Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to
12 paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section 2200.

13 (8) For the 2028–29 fiscal year and ongoing, two hundred eight
14 million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$208,800,000) shall be
15 appropriated from the General Fund to provide appropriate
16 rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified
17 in subdivision (b) of Section 1990 and the by-county distribution
18 shall be based on the following:

19 (A) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
20 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
21 (b) of Section 707, per county data submissions to the Office of
22 Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of
23 subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.

24 (B) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
25 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
26 (b) of Section 707 who were not committed to a secure youth
27 treatment facility, per county data submissions to the Office of
28 Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of
29 subdivision (g) of Section 2200, from the preceding calendar year.

30 (C) Thirty-five percent of the per-county percentage of all
31 individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the
32 preceding calendar year.

33 (D) Five percent of the per-county percentage of the total
34 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
35 (b) of Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment
36 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program, per
37 county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community
38 Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section
39 2200.

1 (E) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total
 2 number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision
 3 (b) of Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment
 4 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program that is
 5 not in a facility regulated by Subchapter 5 (commencing with
 6 Section 1300) of Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 15 of the
 7 California Code of Regulations, per county data submissions to
 8 the Office of Youth and Community Restoration pursuant to
 9 paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section 2200.

10 (9) By January 10, 2030, the Office of Youth and Community
 11 Restoration shall review the formula described in this section and
 12 report to the Legislature with an assessment of the formula's
 13 efficacy in meeting the Legislature's intent to implement public
 14 health approaches to support positive youth development and
 15 outcomes, build the capacity of a continuum of community-based
 16 approaches, and reduce recidivism. This assessment may be
 17 included in the annual report required pursuant to paragraph (5)
 18 of subdivision (c) of Section 2200.

19 ~~(6)~~

20 (10) The Department of Finance shall increase to no more than
 21 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) the award amount
 22 for any county whose allocation as calculated pursuant to
 23 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), ~~and (5)~~ (5), (6), (7), and (8) totals less
 24 than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The
 25 appropriation in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), ~~and (5)~~ (5), (6), (7),
 26 and (8) shall be increased by the amounts needed to bring each
 27 county's allocation to two hundred fifty thousand dollars
 28 (\$250,000).

29 (b) Commencing with the 2024–25 fiscal year, the allocations
 30 determined by paragraphs (4), (5), ~~and (6)~~ (6), (7), (8), and (10)
 31 of subdivision (a) shall be adjusted annually by a rate
 32 commensurate with any applicable growth in the Juvenile Justice
 33 Growth Special Account in the prior fiscal year. Each year, this
 34 growth shall become additive to the next year's base allocation.
 35 Any applicable growth amounts pursuant to this subdivision shall
 36 be allocated based on a schedule provided by the Department of
 37 Finance, as described in subdivision (c), to the Controller consistent
 38 with the timelines for other 2011 Public Safety Realignment growth
 39 allocations.

1 (c) By July 1, 2021, and by July 31 annually thereafter, the
2 Department of Finance shall allocate the amount calculated in
3 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), ~~and (6)~~ (6), (7), (8), and (10) of
4 subdivision (a) from the General Fund and provide a schedule for
5 the allocation of funds among counties to the Controller. The
6 controller shall allocate these funds no later than August 31 each
7 year, consistent with the schedule provided by the Department of
8 Finance.

9 *SEC. 2. Section 1995 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
10 *amended to read:*

11 1995. (a) To be eligible for funding described in Section 1991,
12 a county shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile
13 justice coordinating council, as described in Section 749.22, to
14 develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements,
15 services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to
16 provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the
17 population described in subdivision (b) of Section 1990.

18 (b) The subcommittee shall be composed of the chief probation
19 officer, as chair or cochair, and one representative each from the
20 district attorney's office, the public defender's office, the
21 department of social services, the department of mental health, the
22 county office of education or a school district, and a representative
23 from the court. The subcommittee shall also include no fewer than
24 three community members who shall be defined as individuals
25 who have experience providing community-based youth services,
26 youth justice advocates with expertise and knowledge of the
27 juvenile justice system, or have been directly involved in the
28 juvenile justice system. Any member may be selected as cochair
29 of the subcommittee using a process determined by the
30 subcommittee.

31 (c) The plan described in subdivision (a) shall be developed
32 with review and participation of the subcommittee community
33 members as defined in subdivision (b) and shall be approved by
34 a majority of the subcommittee.

35 (d) The plan described in subdivision (a) shall include all of the
36 following elements:

37 (1) A description of the realignment target population in the
38 county that is to be supported or served by allocations from the
39 block grant program, including the numbers of youth served,
40 disaggregated by factors including their ages, offense and offense

1 histories, gender, race or ethnicity, and other characteristics, and
2 by the programs, placements, or facilities to which they are
3 referred.

4 (2) A description of the facilities, programs, placements, services
5 and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will
6 be provided to the target population.

7 (3) A description of how grant funds will be applied to address
8 each of the following areas of need or development for realigned
9 youth:

10 (A) Mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral
11 or trauma-based needs.

12 (B) Support programs or services that promote healthy
13 adolescent development.

14 (C) Family engagement in programs.

15 (D) Reentry, including planning and linkages to support
16 employment, housing, and continuing education.

17 (E) Evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed, and culturally
18 responsive practices.

19 (F) Whether and how the plan will include services or programs
20 for realigned youth that are provided by nongovernmental or
21 community-based providers.

22 (4) A detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be
23 used to house or confine realigned youth at varying levels of
24 offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to
25 accommodate long-term commitments. *This shall include a*
26 *description of less restrictive programs used by the county,*
27 *including whether the programs are in a facility regulated by*
28 *Subchapter 5 (commencing with Section 1300) of Chapter 1 of*
29 *Division 1 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.* This
30 element of the plan shall also include information on how the
31 facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having
32 different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant
33 characteristics.

34 (5) A description of how the plan will incentivize or facilitate
35 the retention of realigned youth within the jurisdiction and
36 rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system in lieu of
37 transfers of realigned youth into the adult criminal justice system.

38 (6) A description of any regional agreements or arrangements
39 to be supported by the block grant allocation pursuant to this
40 chapter.

1 (7) A description of how data will be collected on the youth
2 served and outcomes for youth served by the block grant program,
3 including a description the outcome measures that will be utilized
4 to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions
5 supported by block grant funds.

6 (8) A description of progress made regarding any elements
7 described in this subdivision and any objectives and outcomes set
8 forth in the plan submitted to the Office of Youth and Community
9 Restoration the previous calendar year.

10 (9) *A summary of expenditures from the prior fiscal year,*
11 *including, but not limited to, total expenditures, a description of*
12 *whether the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan*
13 *described in subdivision (a), and a description of how these*
14 *expenditures improve outcomes for the realignment target*
15 *population described in Section 1990. The summary shall be in a*
16 *format designated by the Office of Youth and Community*
17 *Restoration.*

18 (e) In order to receive 2022–23 funding pursuant to Section
19 1991, a plan shall be filed with the Office of Youth and Community
20 Restoration by January 1, 2022. In order to continue receiving
21 funding, the subcommittee shall convene no less frequently than
22 twice per year to consider the plan and shall update the plan
23 annually. The plan shall be submitted to the Office of Youth and
24 Community Restoration by May 1 of each year.

25 (f) The Office of Youth and Community Restoration shall review
26 the plan to ensure that the plan contains all the elements and
27 follows the planning process described in this section and may
28 return the plan to the county for revision as necessary or to
29 complete the required planning process prior to final acceptance
30 of the plan. Any actions of the Office of Youth and Community
31 Restoration pursuant to this section shall have no delay or
32 withholding effect on the allocation of funds to counties pursuant
33 to Section 1991.

34 (g) The Office of Youth and Community Restoration shall
35 prepare and make available to the public on its internet website a
36 summary and a copy of the annual county plans submitted pursuant
37 to this section and date of the Office of Youth and Community
38 Restoration’s final acceptance of each plan.

39 *SEC. 3. Section 10072.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
40 *is amended to read:*

1 10072.3. (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited,
2 as the California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

4 (1) “Authorized pilot retailer” means any retail establishment
5 that is authorized to accept CalFresh benefits, including, but not
6 limited to, grocery stores, corner stores, farmers’ markets, farm
7 stands, and mobile markets.

8 (2) “Fresh fruits and vegetables” means any variety of whole
9 or cut fruits and vegetables without added sugars, fats, oils, or salt
10 and that have not been processed with heat, drying, canning, or
11 freezing.

12 (3) “Supplemental benefits” means additional funds delivered
13 to a CalFresh recipient’s EBT card upon purchase of fresh fruits
14 and vegetables using CalFresh benefits, and to be redeemed only
15 for purchases allowed under the CalFresh program at an authorized
16 retailer.

17 (c) The department, in consultation with the Department of Food
18 and Agriculture, county CalFresh administrators, and stakeholders
19 with experience operating CalFresh nutrition incentive programs,
20 shall include within the EBT system a supplemental benefits
21 mechanism that allows an authorized pilot retailer to deliver and
22 redeem supplemental benefits. The supplemental benefits
23 mechanism shall be compatible with operational procedures at
24 farmers’ markets with centralized point-of-sale terminals and at
25 grocery stores with integrated point-of-sale terminals. The
26 supplemental benefits mechanism shall ensure all of the following:

27 (1) Supplemental benefits can be transferable across any
28 CalFresh program authorized retailer.

29 (2) Supplemental benefits can be accrued, tracked, and redeemed
30 by CalFresh recipients in a seamless, integrated process through
31 the EBT system.

32 (3) Supplemental benefits can only be accrued by CalFresh
33 recipients through the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from
34 an authorized pilot retailer.

35 (4) Supplemental benefits can only be redeemed to make eligible
36 purchases under the CalFresh program from an authorized retailer.

37 (5) The supplemental benefits mechanism complies with all
38 applicable state and federal laws governing procedures to ensure
39 privacy and confidentiality.

1 (6) Authorized pilot retailers that use EBT-only point-of-sale
2 terminals, such as farmers' markets, and those that use integrated
3 point-of-sale terminals, such as grocery stores, shall be able to
4 integrate the new supplemental benefits mechanism into their
5 existing systems, including the free state-issued hardware provided
6 to certified farmers' markets and farmers.

7 (7) The supplemental benefits mechanism provides a CalFresh
8 benefits to supplemental benefits match ratio of at least 1:1.

9 (8) A CalFresh household may only accrue up to a limited
10 amount of supplemental benefits, as determined by the department.

11 (9) There shall be no expiration date for use of supplemental
12 benefits, but the benefits may be expunged in accordance with
13 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
14 regulations.

15 (d) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the California
16 Fruit and Vegetable EBT Grant Fund. The fund shall consist of
17 moneys from state, federal, and other public and private sources
18 to provide grants pursuant to subdivision (e).

19 (e) Upon the deposit of sufficient moneys into the California
20 Fruit and Vegetable EBT Grant Fund, as determined by the
21 department, and upon the appropriation of moneys from the fund
22 by the Legislature for this purpose, the department shall provide
23 grants for pilot projects to implement and test the supplemental
24 benefits mechanism in existing retail settings. The goal of the pilot
25 project is to develop and refine a scalable model for increasing the
26 purchase and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by
27 delivering supplemental benefits to CalFresh recipients in a way
28 that can be easily adopted by authorized retailers of various types,
29 sizes, and locations in the future. The department, in consultation
30 with the Department of Food and Agriculture, shall develop and
31 adopt guidelines for awarding the grants, which shall include, at
32 a minimum, all of the following requirements:

33 (1) (A) A minimum of three grants shall be awarded to nonprofit
34 organizations or government agencies.

35 (B) At least one of the grants shall provide the ability to test the
36 supplemental benefit mechanism at farmers' markets. A farmers'
37 market that operates a centralized point-of-sale terminal and a scrip
38 system and that also participates as a pilot project pursuant to this
39 section may disburse scrips for supplemental benefits and for fresh
40 fruits and vegetables concurrently.

1 (2) Selection criteria shall require that grant applicants
2 demonstrate all of the following:

3 (A) Previous experience and effectiveness in administering
4 CalFresh nutrition incentive programs, or similar supplemental
5 benefits programs.

6 (B) Partnership commitment from at least one existing
7 authorized retailer that already accepts CalFresh benefits and sells
8 fresh fruits and vegetables.

9 (C) Ability to ensure that supplemental benefits are only accrued
10 and delivered when purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables with
11 CalFresh benefits and will be used only to make purchases
12 authorized under the CalFresh program.

13 (D) Status as a nonprofit organization or government agency.

14 (E) Ability to provide the minimum data deemed necessary for
15 the department to successfully evaluate the pilot project, as
16 described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (f).

17 (F) Any other criteria that the department deems necessary for
18 successful pilot project implementation, such as the level of need
19 in the community, the size of the CalFresh population, and the
20 need for geographic diversity.

21 (3) Grantees shall be responsible for all of the following:

22 (A) Securing the commitment of at least one authorized retailer
23 willing to participate in the pilot project.

24 (B) Conducting community outreach.

25 (C) Providing evaluation data to the department.

26 (D) Ensuring the integrity of the pilot project following
27 guidelines adopted by the department pursuant to this subdivision.

28 (f) (1) The department shall evaluate the pilot projects *that*
29 *operated pursuant to this section between February 1, 2023, and*
30 *January 31, 2025*, and make recommendations to further refine
31 and expand the supplemental benefits mechanism. These
32 recommendations shall also include a strategy for CalFresh client
33 education, developed in consultation with county CalFresh
34 administrators and advocates. The evaluation shall examine the
35 efficacy of supplemental benefits accrual, delivery, and redemption
36 from the perspective of CalFresh recipients, participating retailers,
37 and state administrators. The evaluation shall also provide
38 recommendations for further modifications that would make the
39 mechanism easier for CalFresh recipients to use, for a variety of
40 authorized retailer types to adopt, and for the department to

1 administer. The department may contract with an independent
2 evaluator to conduct this evaluation.

3 (2) (A) The department shall provide information on the timing
4 and steps that would be necessary to transition the ~~California Fruit~~
5 ~~and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project~~ *pilot project* to a supplemental
6 benefits program that is fully state managed, without grantee
7 intermediaries.

8 (B) The information to be submitted under this paragraph shall
9 include both of the following:

10 (i) The results of the evaluation required pursuant to paragraph
11 (1).

12 (ii) Scoping the staff or other resources and timelines for all of
13 the following:

14 (I) Engaging with and enrolling interested retailers directly on
15 an ongoing basis, if the state makes additional funding available
16 for further expansion.

17 (II) The staffing and technical resources needed by the Office
18 of Technology and Solutions Integration to certify new retailers’
19 EBT systems when they are onboarded into the program.

20 (III) Resources needed to align the EBT system and the
21 California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to
22 fully automate financial reconciliation of fruit and vegetable
23 supplemental benefits as the program expands.

24 (IV) Expansion to include online CalFresh transactions and
25 grocery delivery services.

26 (3) (A) By July 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report
27 to the Legislature on the topics described by paragraphs (1) and
28 (2).

29 (B) The report submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be
30 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
31 Code.

32 (g) Notwithstanding any other law, all of the following apply
33 for the purposes of this section:

34 (1) Contracts or grants awarded pursuant to this section shall
35 be exempt from the personal services contracting requirements of
36 Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part
37 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

38 (2) Contracts or grants awarded pursuant to this section are
39 exempt from the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting

1 Manual, and are not subject to the approval of the Department of
2 General Services or the Department of Technology.

3 (3) The state is immune from any liability resulting from the
4 implementation of this section.

5 (4) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the
6 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
7 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
8 Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific
9 this section without taking any regulatory action.

10 (h) Notwithstanding Sections 18927 and 11004, the
11 supplemental benefits described in this section are not subject to
12 recovery for an overissuance caused by intentional program
13 violation, fraud, inadvertent household error, or administrative
14 error, and are not subject to review under Section 10950.

15 (i) The supplemental benefits described in this section are not
16 entitlement benefits, and the department shall provide those
17 benefits pursuant to this section only to the extent that funding is
18 appropriated in the annual Budget Act for purposes of this section.

19 (j) The department shall seek any necessary federal approvals
20 to establish this pilot project.

21 (k) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027,
22 and as of that date is repealed.

23 *SEC. 4. Section 11265.15 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
24 *is amended to read:*

25 11265.15. (a) The department shall work with the County
26 Welfare Directors Association of California, representatives of
27 county eligibility workers, the Statewide Automated Welfare
28 System, and client advocates to develop and implement the
29 necessary system changes to prepopulate the semiannual report
30 form described in Section 11265.1.

31 (b) Upon certification that the Statewide Automated Welfare
32 System can perform the necessary automation to implement this
33 section, *and to the extent permitted by federal law*, counties shall
34 provide recipients with a prepopulated semiannual ~~report form~~
35 *report, either via mail or electronically, at the election of the*
36 *recipient*, instead of a blank form to comply with the requirement
37 described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 11265.1.
38 *Final policy guidance for changes to the prepopulated semiannual*
39 *report shall be completed by the department by August 15, 2025.*

1 *SEC. 5. Section 12306.16 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,*
2 *as amended by Section 58 of Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 2023,*
3 *is amended to read:*

4 12306.16. (a) Commencing July 1, 2019, all counties shall
5 have a rebased County IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

6 (b) (1) The statewide total rebased County IHSS MOE base
7 for the 2019–20 fiscal year shall be established at one billion five
8 hundred sixty-three million two hundred eighty-two thousand
9 dollars (\$1,563,282,000).

10 (2) The Department of Finance shall consult with the department
11 and the California State Association of Counties to determine each
12 county’s share of the statewide total rebased County IHSS MOE
13 base amount. The rebased County IHSS MOE base shall be unique
14 to each individual county.

15 (3) (A) The amount of General Fund moneys available for
16 county administration and public authority administration is limited
17 to the amount of General Fund moneys appropriated for those
18 specific purposes in the annual Budget Act, and increases to this
19 amount do not impact the rebased County IHSS MOE.

20 (B) The state shall pay 100 percent of the allowable nonfederal
21 share of county administration and public authority administration
22 costs for each county. Once the county’s share of the appropriated
23 General Fund moneys is exhausted, the county shall pay 100
24 percent of the remaining nonfederal share of county administration
25 and public authority administration costs. Each county shall pay
26 100 percent of any costs for public authority administration that
27 are in excess of the county’s approved rate approved pursuant to
28 subdivision (a) of Section 12306.1. At the end of the fiscal year,
29 any remaining unspent General Fund moneys allocated for IHSS
30 county administration or public authority administration shall be
31 redistributed through a methodology determined in conjunction
32 with the County Welfare Directors Association of California or
33 the California Association of Public Authorities.

34 (C) Amounts expended by a county or public authority on
35 administration in excess of the amount described in subparagraphs
36 (A) and (B) shall not be attributed towards the county meeting its
37 rebased County IHSS MOE requirement.

38 (D) The department shall consult with the California State
39 Association of Counties, the County Welfare Directors Association
40 of California, and the California Association of Public Authorities

1 to determine the county-by-county distribution of the amount of
2 General Fund moneys appropriated in the annual Budget Act for
3 county administration and public authority administration.

4 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the
5 rebased County IHSS MOE from the previous year shall be
6 adjusted by an inflation factor of 4 percent.

7 (d) In addition to the adjustment in subdivision (c), the rebased
8 County IHSS MOE shall be adjusted for the annualized cost of
9 increases in provider wages, health benefits, or other benefits that
10 are locally negotiated, mediated, or imposed, on or after July 1,
11 2019, including any increases in provider wages, health benefits,
12 or other benefits adopted by ordinance pursuant to Article 1
13 (commencing with Section 9100) of Chapter 2 of Division 9 of
14 the Elections Code or any future increases resulting from the same,
15 including increases to health benefit premiums. For health benefit
16 premium increases only, for any memorandum of understanding
17 or collective bargaining agreement between the recognized
18 employee organization and the county, public authority, or
19 nonprofit consortium, executed or extended and submitted to the
20 department for approval prior to July 1, 2019, through the end
21 date, as specified in the memorandum of understanding or
22 collective bargaining agreement described in this subdivision, the
23 state shall cover 100 percent of the nonfederal share of health
24 benefit premium increases, and there shall not be an adjustment
25 to the rebased County IHSS MOE.

26 (1) (A) If the department approves the rate for an increase in
27 provider wages or health benefits that are locally negotiated,
28 mediated, imposed, or adopted by ordinance pursuant to Section
29 12306.1, the state shall pay 65 percent, and the affected county
30 shall pay 35 percent, of the nonfederal share of the cost increase,
31 in accordance with subparagraph (B).

32 (B) With respect to any increase in provider wages or health
33 benefits approved on or after July 1, 2019, pursuant to
34 subparagraph (A), the state shall participate in that increase as
35 provided in subparagraph (A) up to the amount specified in
36 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 12306.1.
37 The county shall pay the entire nonfederal share of any cost
38 increase exceeding the amount specified in paragraphs (1), (2),
39 and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 12306.1.

1 (C) With respect to an increase in benefits, other than individual
2 health benefits, locally negotiated, mediated, or imposed by a
3 county, public authority, or nonprofit consortium, or adopted by
4 ordinance, the county's County IHSS MOE shall include a one-time
5 adjustment equal to 35 percent of the nonfederal share of the
6 increased benefit costs. If the department, in consultation with the
7 California State Association of Counties, determines that the
8 increase is one in which the state does not participate, the county's
9 County IHSS MOE shall include a one-time adjustment for the
10 entire nonfederal share.

11 (2) If the department does not approve the rate for an increase
12 in provider wages or health benefits, or increase in other benefits
13 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1), that are locally
14 negotiated, mediated, imposed, or adopted by ordinance pursuant
15 to Section 12306.1, or increase to the public authority
16 administrative rate, the county shall pay the entire cost of the
17 increase.

18 (3) The county share of increased expenditures pursuant to
19 subparagraphs (A) through ~~(C)~~ to (C), *inclusive*, of paragraph (1),
20 shall be included in the rebased County IHSS MOE, in addition
21 to the amount established under subdivision (c). For any increase
22 in provider wages or health benefits, or increase in other benefits
23 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1), that becomes
24 effective on a date other than July 1, the department shall adjust
25 the county's rebased County IHSS MOE to reflect the annualized
26 cost of the county's share of the nonfederal cost of the wage or
27 health benefit increase. This adjustment shall be calculated based
28 on the county's 2019–20 paid IHSS hours and the appropriate
29 cost-sharing ratio as grown by the applicable number of inflation
30 factors pursuant to subdivision (c) that have occurred up to and
31 including the fiscal year in which the increase becomes effective.

32 (4) (A) With respect to any rate increases to existing contracts
33 that a county has already entered into pursuant to Section 12302,
34 the state shall pay 65 percent, and the affected county shall pay
35 35 percent, of the nonfederal share of the amount of the rate
36 increase up to the maximum amounts established pursuant to
37 Sections 12302.1 and 12303. The county shall pay the entire
38 nonfederal share of any portion of the rate increase exceeding the
39 maximum amount established pursuant to Sections 12302.1 and
40 12303. This adjustment shall be calculated based on the county's

1 2019–20 paid IHSS contract hours, or the paid contract hours in
2 the fiscal year in which the contract becomes effective if the
3 contract becomes effective on or after July 1, 2019, using the
4 appropriate cost-sharing ratio as grown by the applicable number
5 of inflation factors pursuant to subdivision (c) that have occurred
6 up to and including the fiscal year in which the increase becomes
7 effective.

8 (B) With respect to rates for new contracts entered into by a
9 county pursuant to Section 12302 on or after July 1, 2019, the state
10 shall pay 65 percent, and the affected county shall pay 35 percent,
11 of the nonfederal share of the difference between the locally
12 negotiated, mediated, imposed, or adopted by ordinance provider
13 wage and the contract rate for all of the hours of service to IHSS
14 recipients to be provided under the contract up to the maximum
15 amounts established pursuant to Sections 12302.1 and 12303. The
16 county shall pay the entire nonfederal share of any portion of the
17 contract rate exceeding the maximum amount established pursuant
18 to Sections 12302.1 and 12303. This adjustment shall be calculated
19 based on the county’s paid contract hours in the fiscal year in which
20 the contract becomes effective using the appropriate cost-sharing
21 ratio.

22 (5) The county share of the expenditures described in paragraph
23 (4) shall be included in the rebased County IHSS MOE, in addition
24 to the amounts established under subdivision (c). For any rate
25 increases for existing contracts or rates for new contracts, entered
26 into by a county pursuant to Section 12302 on or after July 1, 2019,
27 that become effective on a date other than July 1, the department
28 shall adjust the county’s rebased County IHSS MOE to reflect the
29 annualized cost of the county’s share of the nonfederal cost of the
30 increase or rate for new contracts. This adjustment shall be
31 calculated as follows:

32 (A) For a contract described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph
33 (4), the first-year cost of the amount of the rate increase calculated
34 using the pro rata share of the number of hours of service provided
35 in the contract for the fiscal year in which the increase became
36 effective.

37 (B) For a contract described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph
38 (4), the first-year cost of the difference between the locally
39 negotiated, mediated, imposed, or adopted by ordinance provider
40 wage and the contract rate for all of the hours of service to IHSS

1 recipients calculated using the pro rata share of the number of
2 hours of service provided in the contract for the fiscal year in which
3 the contract became effective.

4 (6) If the state ceases to receive enhanced federal financial
5 participation for the provision of services pursuant to Section
6 1915(k) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
7 1396n(k)), the rebased County IHSS MOE shall be adjusted one
8 time to reflect a 35-percent share of the enhanced federal financial
9 participation that would have been received pursuant to Section
10 1915(k) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
11 1396n(k)) for the fiscal year in which the state ceases to receive
12 the enhanced federal financial participation.

13 (7) *Beginning July 1, 2026, if the state ceases to receive*
14 *enhanced federal financial participation for the provision of*
15 *services pursuant to Section 1915(k) of the federal Social Security*
16 *Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396n(k)) due to noncompliance of timely case*
17 *reassessment for the Community First Choice Option program,*
18 *the county shall pay, separate from the rebased County IHSS MOE*
19 *payment, a 100-percent share of the enhanced federal financial*
20 *participation that would have been received pursuant to Section*
21 *1915(k) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396n(k))*
22 *for the months in which the state did not receive the enhanced*
23 *federal financial participation. For the 2025–26 fiscal year, the*
24 *state and county shall each pay 50 percent of the amount of lost*
25 *enhanced federal financial participation described in this*
26 *paragraph. The department shall develop guidance, in consultation*
27 *with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, to*
28 *implement this paragraph.*

29 ~~(7)~~

30 (8) The rebased County IHSS MOE shall not be adjusted for
31 increases in individual provider wages that are locally negotiated
32 pursuant to subdivision (a) of, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of
33 subdivision (d) of, Section 12306.1 when the increase has been
34 specifically negotiated to take effect at the same time as, and to
35 be the same amount as, state minimum wage increases.

36 ~~(8)~~

37 (9) (A) A county may negotiate a wage supplement.

38 (i) The wage supplement shall be in addition to the highest wage
39 rate paid in the county.

1 (ii) The first time the wage supplement is applied, the county’s
 2 rebased County IHSS MOE shall include a one-time adjustment
 3 by the amount of the increased cost resulting from the supplement,
 4 as specified in paragraph (1).

5 (B) A wage supplement negotiated pursuant to subparagraph
 6 (A) shall subsequently be applied to the minimum wage when the
 7 minimum wage increase is equal to or exceeds the county wage
 8 paid without inclusion of the wage supplement and the increase
 9 to the county wage paid takes effect at the same time as the
 10 minimum wage increase.

11 (9)
 12 (10) The Department of Finance shall consult with the California
 13 State Association of Counties to develop the computations for the
 14 annualized amounts pursuant to this subdivision.

15 (e) The rebased County IHSS MOE shall only be adjusted
 16 pursuant to subdivisions (c) and (d).

17 *SEC. 6. Section 16121 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
 18 *amended to read:*

19 16121. (a) (1) For initial adoption assistance agreements
 20 executed on ~~October 1, 1992~~, or prior to December 31, 2007,
 21 ~~inclusive~~, the adoptive family shall be paid an amount of aid based
 22 on the child’s needs otherwise covered in AFDC-FC payments
 23 and the circumstances of the adopting parents, but that shall not
 24 exceed the basic foster care maintenance payment rate structure
 25 in effect on December 31, 2007, that would have been paid based
 26 on the age-related state-approved foster family home rate, and any
 27 applicable specialized care increment, for a child placed in a
 28 licensed or approved family home.

29 (2) For initial adoption assistance agreements executed from
 30 January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009, inclusive, the adoptive
 31 family shall be paid an amount of aid based on the child’s needs
 32 otherwise covered in AFDC-FC payments and the circumstances
 33 of the adopting parents, but that shall not exceed the basic foster
 34 care maintenance payment rate structure in effect on December
 35 31, 2009, that would have been paid based on the age-related
 36 state-approved foster family home rate, and any applicable
 37 specialized care increment, for a child placed in a licensed or
 38 approved family home.

39 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for
 40 initial adoption assistance agreements executed on January 1, 2010,

1 to June 30, 2011, inclusive, or the effective date specified in a final
2 order, for which the time to appeal has passed, issued by a court
3 of competent jurisdiction in California State Foster Parent
4 Association, et al. v. William Lightbourne, et al., (U.S. Dist. Ct.
5 No. C 07-08056 WHA), whichever is earlier, where the adoption
6 is finalized on or before June 30, 2011, or the date specified in that
7 order, whichever is earlier, the adoptive family shall be paid an
8 amount of aid based on the child's needs otherwise covered in
9 AFDC-FC payments and the circumstance of the adopting parents,
10 but that amount shall not exceed the basic foster care maintenance
11 payment rate structure in effect on June 30, 2011, or the date
12 immediately before the date specified in the order described in this
13 paragraph, whichever is earlier, and any applicable specialized
14 care increment, that the child would have received while placed
15 in a licensed or approved family home. Adoption assistance benefit
16 payments shall not be increased based solely on age. This
17 paragraph shall not preclude any reassessments of the child's needs,
18 consistent with other provisions of this chapter.

19 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for
20 initial adoption assistance agreements executed on or after July 1,
21 2011, or the effective date specified in a final order, for which the
22 time to appeal has passed, issued by a court of competent
23 jurisdiction in California State Foster Parent Association, et al. v.
24 William Lightbourne, et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct. No. C 07-05086 WHA),
25 whichever is earlier, where the adoption is finalized on or after
26 July 1, 2011, or the effective date of that order, whichever is earlier,
27 and before December 31, 2016, and for initial adoption assistance
28 agreements executed before July 1, 2011, or the date specified in
29 that order, whichever is earlier, where the adoption is finalized on
30 or after the earlier of July 1, 2011, or that specified date, and before
31 December 31, 2016, the adoptive family shall be paid an amount
32 of aid based on the child's needs otherwise covered in AFDC-FC
33 payments and the circumstances of the adopting parents, but that
34 amount shall not exceed the basic foster family home rate structure
35 effective and available as of December 31, 2016, plus any
36 applicable specialized care increment. These adoption assistance
37 benefit payments shall not be increased based solely on age. This
38 paragraph shall not preclude any reassessments of the child's needs,
39 consistent with other provisions of this chapter.

1 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for
2 initial adoption assistance agreements executed on or after January
3 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2027, or the effective date specified in
4 paragraph (9) of subdivision (h) of Section 11461, as applicable,
5 the adoptive family shall be paid an amount of aid based on the
6 child's needs otherwise covered in AFDC-FC payments and the
7 circumstances of the adopting parents, but that amount shall not
8 exceed the home-based family care rate structure developed
9 pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 11461 and Section 11463,
10 inclusive of any level of care determination, plus any applicable
11 specialized care increment. This paragraph shall not preclude any
12 reassessments of the child's needs consistent with other provisions
13 of this chapter.

14 (6) (A) For initial adoption assistance agreements executed on
15 and after the date specified in paragraph (9) of subdivision (h) of
16 Section 11461, the adoptive family shall be paid an amount of aid
17 based on the child's needs otherwise covered in AFDC-FC
18 payments and the circumstances of the adopting parents, but that
19 amount shall not exceed Tier 1 of the Care and Supervision
20 component of the Tiered Rate Structure, as described in subdivision
21 (h) of Section 11461, plus any applicable specialized care
22 increment. This paragraph shall not preclude any reassessments
23 of the child's needs consistent with other provisions of this chapter.

24 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the department shall
25 issue written guidance regarding the specific conditions under
26 which an adoptive family may be paid an amount of aid based on
27 the child's needs that exceeds Tier 1, but shall not exceed Tier 2,
28 of the Care and Supervision component of the Tiered Rate
29 Structure, as described in subdivision (h) of Section 11461, plus
30 any applicable specialized care increment.

31 (b) Payment may be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible
32 child in a state-approved group home, short-term residential
33 therapeutic program, or residential care treatment facility if the
34 department or county responsible for determining payment has
35 confirmed that the placement is necessary for the temporary
36 resolution of mental or emotional problems related to a condition
37 that existed before the adoptive placement. Out-of-home in-state
38 placements shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions
39 of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1500) of Division 2 of
40 the Health and Safety Code and other applicable statutes and

1 regulations governing eligibility for AFDC-FC payments for
2 placements in in-state facilities. If the placement is out-of-state,
3 ~~the facility must be eligible for Title IV-E funded placements in~~
4 ~~the state in which it is situated.~~ *payments may be made only if the*
5 *provisions of Section 16121.5 are met.* The Adoption Assistance
6 Program (AAP) rate paid on behalf of the child shall not exceed
7 the rate paid for a short-term residential therapeutic program. The
8 designation of the placement facility shall be made after
9 consultation with the *adoptive* family by the department or county
10 welfare agency responsible for determining the Adoption
11 Assistance Program eligibility and authorizing financial aid. Group
12 home, short-term residential therapeutic program, or residential
13 placement shall only be made as part of a plan for return of the
14 child to the adoptive family, that shall actively participate in the
15 plan. Adoption Assistance Program benefits may be authorized
16 for payment for an eligible child's group home, short-term
17 residential therapeutic program, or residential treatment facility
18 placement if the placement is justified by a specific episode or
19 condition and does not exceed an 18-month cumulative period of
20 time. After an initial authorized group home, short-term residential
21 therapeutic program, or residential treatment facility placement,
22 subsequent authorizations for payment for a group home,
23 short-term residential therapeutic program, or residential treatment
24 facility placement may be based on an eligible child's subsequent
25 specific episodes or conditions.

26 (c) (1) Payments on behalf of a child who is a recipient of AAP
27 benefits who is also a consumer of regional center services shall
28 be based on the rates established by the State Department of Social
29 Services pursuant to Section 11464 and subject to the process
30 described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 16119.

31 (2) (A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (B), this
32 subdivision shall apply to adoption assistance agreements signed
33 on or after July 1, 2007.

34 (B) Rates paid on behalf of regional center consumers who are
35 recipients of AAP benefits and for whom an adoption assistance
36 agreement was executed before July 1, 2007, shall remain in effect,
37 and may only be changed in accordance with Section 16119.

38 (i) If the rates paid pursuant to adoption assistance agreements
39 executed before July 1, 2007, are lower than the rates specified in
40 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) or paragraph (1) of subdivision

1 (d) of Section 11464, respectively, those rates shall be increased,
2 as appropriate and in accordance with Section 16119, to the amount
3 set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) or paragraph (1) of
4 subdivision (d) of Section 11464, effective July 1, 2007. Once set,
5 the rates shall remain in effect and may only be changed in
6 accordance with Section 16119.

7 (ii) For purposes of this clause, for a child who is a recipient of
8 AAP benefits or for whom the execution of an AAP agreement is
9 pending, and who has been deemed eligible for or has sought an
10 eligibility determination for regional center services pursuant to
11 subdivision (a) of Section 4512, and for whom a determination of
12 eligibility for those regional center services has been made, and
13 for whom, before July 1, 2007, a maximum rate determination has
14 been requested and is pending, the rate shall be determined through
15 an individualized assessment and pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
16 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 35333 of Title 22 of
17 the California Code of Regulations as in effect on January 1, 2007,
18 or the rate established in subdivision (b) of Section 11464,
19 whichever is greater. Once the rate has been set, it shall remain in
20 effect and may only be changed in accordance with Section 16119.
21 Other than the circumstances described in this clause, regional
22 centers shall not make maximum rate benefit determinations for
23 the AAP.

24 (3) Regional centers shall separately purchase or secure the
25 services contained in the child's IFSP or IPP, pursuant to Section
26 4684.

27 (4) Regulations adopted by the department pursuant to this
28 subdivision shall be adopted as emergency regulations in
29 accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340)
30 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and for
31 the purposes of that chapter, including Section 11349.6 of the
32 Government Code, the adoption of these regulations is an
33 emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative
34 Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
35 peace, health, safety, and general welfare. The regulations
36 authorized by this paragraph shall remain in effect for no more
37 than 180 days, by which time final regulations shall be adopted.

38 (d) (1) In the event that a family signs an adoption assistance
39 agreement where a cash benefit is not awarded, the adopting family
40 shall be otherwise eligible to receive Medi-Cal benefits for the

1 child if it is determined that the benefits are needed pursuant to
2 this chapter.

3 (2) Regional centers shall separately purchase or secure the
4 services that are contained in the child’s Individualized Family
5 Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Program Plan (IPP) pursuant to
6 Section 4684.

7 ~~(e) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (d) shall apply only to adoption
8 assistance agreements signed on or after October 1, 1992. An
9 adoption assistance agreement executed before October 1, 1992,
10 shall continue to be paid in accordance with the terms of that
11 agreement, and shall not be eligible for any increase in the basic
12 foster care maintenance rate structure that occurred after December
13 31, 2007.~~

14 ~~(f) This section shall supersede the requirements of subparagraph
15 (C) of paragraph (1) of Section 35333 of Title 22 of the California
16 Code of Regulations.~~

17 ~~(g)~~

18 (e) The adoption assistance payment rate structure identified in
19 subdivisions *subdivision* (a) ~~and (e)~~ shall be adjusted by the
20 percentage changes in the California Necessities Index, beginning
21 with the 2011–12 fiscal year, and shall not require a reassessment.

22 *SEC. 7. Section 16121.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
23 Code, to read:*

24 *16121.5. (a) Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) payments
25 may be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible child for placement
26 in out-of-state residential treatment facility if one or more of the
27 adoptive parents reside in the state in which the residential
28 treatment facility is located and the responsible public agency has
29 confirmed that placement in the an out-of-state residential
30 treatment facility is necessary for the temporary resolution of the
31 mental health, behavioral health, or emotional health needs of the
32 child and related to a condition that existed before the adoptive
33 placement.*

34 *(b) AAP benefits may be authorized for payment for an eligible
35 child’s placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility
36 if the responsible public agency has determined that both of the
37 following conditions exist:*

38 *(1) One or more of the adoptive parents reside in the state in
39 which the residential treatment facility is located.*

1 (2) *The placement is justified by a specific condition and does*
2 *not exceed a 12-month cumulative period of time. For the purpose*
3 *of transitioning the child home, payment at the rate described in*
4 *subdivision (d) may continue for up to an additional 60 calendar*
5 *days if the child remains placed at the out-of-state residential*
6 *treatment facility.*

7 (c) *The designation of the placement facility shall be made, after*
8 *consultation with the adoptive family, by the responsible public*
9 *agency. Placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility*
10 *shall only be made as part of a plan for return of the child to the*
11 *adoptive family and the adoptive parents shall actively participate*
12 *in the reunification plan.*

13 (d) *The AAP rate paid on behalf of the child for an out-of-state*
14 *residential treatment facility shall not exceed the lesser amount*
15 *of the following:*

16 (1) *The rate paid for a foster care placement in a short-term*
17 *residential therapeutic program, as defined in paragraph (18) of*
18 *subdivision (a) of Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code.*

19 (2) *The rate determined by the ratesetting authority in the state*
20 *in which the out-of-state residential treatment facility is located.*

21 (e) (1) *For the purpose of this section, “out-of-state residential*
22 *treatment facility” means a facility that is located in a state outside*
23 *of California, is licensed and in good standing or otherwise*
24 *approved and in good standing by the applicable state or tribal*
25 *authority, is eligible as a Title IV-E funded placement in the state*
26 *in which it is situated, and provides an integrated program of*
27 *specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and*
28 *supports, treatment, and short-term, 24-hour, trauma-informed*
29 *care and supervision to children. An out-of-state residential*
30 *treatment facility may be called another name, including a group*
31 *home, a residential facility, or a residential care treatment facility.*
32 *An out-of-state residential treatment facility shall have a*
33 *trauma-informed therapeutic focus to treat a child’s mental health,*
34 *behavioral health, emotional health, and attachment needs, and*
35 *shall have a mental health clinic program.*

36 (2) *For purposes of this section, “out-of-state residential*
37 *treatment facility” shall not include wilderness programs, boot*
38 *camps, detention facilities, any facility operated primarily for the*
39 *detention of youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system,*

1 *academies, or schools, including, but not limited to, boarding*
2 *schools and military schools.*

3 *(3) For purposes of this section, “responsible public agency”*
4 *means the department or licensed county adoption agency*
5 *responsible for determining a child’s AAP eligibility and initial*
6 *and subsequent payment amount.*

7 *(f) (1) Prior to the authorization of AAP benefits in the*
8 *out-of-state residential treatment facility, the adoptive family shall*
9 *provide proof of licensing and accreditation to the responsible*
10 *public agency. The adoptive family shall provide verification that*
11 *the out-of-state residential treatment facility is all of the following:*

12 *(A) Licensed or otherwise approved by the applicable state or*
13 *tribal authority.*

14 *(B) In good standing.*

15 *(C) Eligible as a Title IV-E funded placement.*

16 *(D) A qualified residential treatment program, as defined in the*
17 *federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 672(k)(4)).*

18 *(2) The documentation required by paragraph (1) shall originate*
19 *from the government agency or tribal authority that licenses or*
20 *otherwise approves the out-of-state residential treatment facility,*
21 *or the appropriate state or tribal Title IV-E agency.*

22 *(g) Commencing September 1, 2025, and annually thereafter,*
23 *county adoption agencies shall provide all of the following*
24 *information to the department:*

25 *(1) The total number of children in out-of-state residential*
26 *treatment facilities.*

27 *(2) The name and location of each out-of-state residential*
28 *treatment facility during the reporting period.*

29 *(3) The number of days each child placed in an out-of-state*
30 *residential treatment facility remained in that facility.*

31 *(h) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to invalidate or*
32 *alter the terms or conditions of adoption assistance agreements*
33 *executed before the effective date of this section. For a child who*
34 *is placed in an out-of-state residential treatment facility before*
35 *June 30, 2025, or the effective date of this section, whichever date*
36 *is later, and remains in placement on June 30, 2025, or the effective*
37 *date of this section, whichever date is later, payment at the*
38 *negotiated benefit amount shall not exceed the timeframe*
39 *authorized in the adoption assistance agreement in effect on June*
40 *30, 2025, or the effective date of this section, whichever date is*

1 later, unless the responsible public agency and the adoptive parents
2 have negotiated and agreed upon up to an additional 60 calendar
3 days for the purpose of transitioning the child home.

4 (i) The department shall engage child welfare advocates, county
5 child welfare agencies, tribes, and interested stakeholders to update
6 policies regarding the use of AAP for wraparound and out-of-home
7 placements, and shall provide to the Legislature proposed statutory
8 changes no later than February 1, 2026.

9 (j) (1) The department shall provide guidance to counties
10 regarding the steps necessary to document the requirements
11 described in this section and shall develop processes to regularly
12 document that the out-of-state residential treatment facility
13 continues to meet the requirements of subdivision (f).

14 (2) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the
15 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
16 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
17 Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific
18 this section by means of all-county letters or similar written
19 instructions and amended forms, which shall be exempt from
20 submission to or review by the Office of Administrative Law. These
21 all-county letters or similar instructions shall have the same force
22 and effect as regulations.

23 (k) This section is inoperative on July 1, 2027, or the date that
24 the department notifies the Legislature that the California
25 Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary
26 automation to implement the Tiered Rate Structure described in
27 subdivision (h) of Section 11461, whichever is later, and is repealed
28 as of January 1 of the following year.

29 SEC. 8. Section 16121.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
30 Code, to read:

31 16121.5. (a) Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) payments
32 may be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible child for placement
33 in an out-of-state residential treatment facility if one or more of
34 the adoptive parents reside in the state in which the residential
35 treatment facility is located and the responsible public agency has
36 confirmed that placement in the out-of-state residential treatment
37 facility is necessary for the temporary resolution of the mental
38 health, behavioral health, or emotional health needs of the child
39 and related to a condition that existed before the adoptive
40 placement.

1 (b) AAP benefits may be authorized for payment for an eligible
2 child's placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility
3 if the responsible public agency has determined that both of the
4 following conditions exist:

5 (1) One or more of the adoptive parents reside in the state in
6 which the residential treatment facility is located.

7 (2) The placement is justified by a specific condition and does
8 not exceed a 12-month cumulative period of time. For the purpose
9 of transitioning the child home, payment at the rate described in
10 subdivision (d) may continue for up to an additional 60 calendar
11 days if the child remains placed at the out-of-state residential
12 treatment facility.

13 (c) The designation of the placement facility shall be made, after
14 consultation with the adoptive family, by the responsible public
15 agency. Placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility
16 shall only be made as part of a plan for return of the child to the
17 adoptive family and the adoptive parents shall actively participate
18 in the reunification plan.

19 (d) The AAP rate paid on behalf of the child for an out-of-state
20 residential treatment facility shall not exceed the lesser amount
21 of the following:

22 (1) The sum of all of the following:

23 (A) The Tier 3+ Care and Supervision rate established under
24 paragraph (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 11461.

25 (B) The Tier 3+ administrative rate established under paragraph
26 (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 11462.

27 (C) The Tier 3+ Immediate Needs Funding established under
28 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section
29 16562.

30 (2) The rate determined by the ratesetting authority in the state
31 in which the out-of-state residential treatment facility is located.

32 (e) (1) For the purpose of this section, "out-of-state residential
33 treatment facility" means a facility that is located in a state outside
34 of California, is licensed and in good standing or otherwise
35 approved and in good standing by the applicable state or tribal
36 authority, is eligible as a Title IV-E funded placement in the state
37 in which it is situated, and provides an integrated program of
38 specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and
39 supports, treatment, and short-term, 24-hour, trauma-informed
40 care and supervision to children. An out-of-state residential

1 treatment facility may be called another name, including a group
2 home, a residential facility, or a residential care treatment facility.
3 An out-of-state residential treatment facility shall have a
4 trauma-informed therapeutic focus to treat a child's mental health,
5 behavioral health, emotional health, and attachment needs, and
6 shall have a mental health clinic program.

7 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-state residential
8 treatment facility" shall not include wilderness programs, boot
9 camps, detention facilities, any facility operated primarily for the
10 detention of youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system,
11 academies, or schools, including, but not limited to, boarding
12 schools and military schools.

13 (3) For purposes of this section, "responsible public agency"
14 means the department or licensed county adoption agency
15 responsible for determining a child's AAP eligibility and initial
16 and subsequent payment amount.

17 (f) (1) Prior to the authorization of AAP benefits in the
18 out-of-state residential treatment facility, the adoptive family shall
19 provide proof of licensing and accreditation to the responsible
20 public agency. The adoptive family shall provide verification that
21 the out-of-state residential treatment facility is all of the following:

22 (A) Licensed or otherwise approved by the applicable state or
23 tribal authority.

24 (B) In good standing.

25 (C) Eligible as a Title IV-E funded placement.

26 (D) A qualified residential treatment program, as defined in the
27 federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 672(k)(4)).

28 (2) The documentation required by paragraph (1) shall originate
29 from the government agency or tribal authority that licenses or
30 otherwise approves the out-of-state residential treatment facility,
31 or the appropriate state or tribal Title IV-E agency.

32 (g) County adoption agencies shall annually provide all of the
33 following information to the department:

34 (1) The total number of children in out-of-state residential
35 treatment facilities.

36 (2) The name and location of each out-of-state residential
37 treatment facility during the reporting period.

38 (3) The number of days each child placed in an out-of-state
39 residential treatment facility remained in that facility.

1 (h) (1) The department shall provide guidance to counties
2 regarding the steps necessary to document the requirements
3 described in this section and shall develop processes to regularly
4 document that the out-of-state residential treatment facility
5 continues to meet the requirements of subdivision (f).

6 (2) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the
7 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
8 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
9 Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific
10 this section by means of all-county letters or similar written
11 instructions and amended forms, which shall be exempt from
12 submission to or review by the Office of Administrative Law. These
13 all-county letters or similar instructions shall have the same force
14 and effect as regulations until the adoption of regulations no later
15 than January 1, 2031.

16 (i) This section is operative on July 1, 2027, or the date that the
17 department notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide
18 Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation
19 to implement the Tiered Rate Structure described in subdivision
20 (h) of Section 11461, whichever is later.

21 SEC. 9. Section 16506.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
22 Code, to read:

23 16506.5. (a) Effective July 1, 2025, county child welfare
24 agencies shall convene child and family team meetings, as defined
25 in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 16501, for children
26 and youth receiving family maintenance services pursuant to
27 Section 16506. Requirements for child and family teams, including,
28 but not limited to, those described in Sections 832, 16501, and
29 16501.1, shall apply to child and family team meetings for children
30 and youth receiving family maintenance services pursuant to
31 Section 16506.

32 (b) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the
33 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
34 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
35 Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific
36 this section by means of all-county letters or similar instructions,
37 which shall be exempt from submission to or review by the Office
38 of Administrative Law and shall have the same force and effect of
39 regulations, until regulations are adopted, not later than January
40 1, 2030.

1 SEC. 10. Section 18917.1 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 18917.1. (a) In the event of a declaration by the Governor or
4 the President of the United States of a major disaster, the
5 Legislature finds and declares that the State Department of Social
6 Services and affected county human services agencies will require
7 additional funding to cover the administrative costs to prepare
8 for, and respond to, a declaration by the President of the United
9 States of a major disaster, and to maximize the amount of
10 assistance requested and received through the federal Disaster
11 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and other federally
12 funded nutrition assistance programs, and the costs to prepare for
13 and execute Disaster CalFresh outreach.

14 (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, in
15 the event of a declaration by the Governor or the President of the
16 United States of a major disaster, an amount necessary to cover
17 the costs of the disaster assistance services specified in subdivision
18 (a) shall be continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal
19 years to the State Department of Social Services from the General
20 Fund. The amounts appropriated to the department shall not exceed
21 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) per disaster
22 declaration.

23 SEC. 11. To the extent that this act has an overall effect of
24 increasing certain costs already borne by a local agency for
25 programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment
26 Legislation within the meaning of Section 36 of Article XIII of the
27 California Constitution, it shall apply to local agencies only to the
28 extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost increase.
29 Any new program or higher level of service provided by a local
30 agency pursuant to this act above the level for which funding has
31 been provided shall not require a subvention of funds by the state
32 or otherwise be subject to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
33 California Constitution.

34 However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that
35 this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement
36 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
37 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
38 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

39 SEC. 12. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related
40 to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section

1 *12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified*
2 *as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect*
3 *immediately.*

4 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory~~
5 ~~changes relating to the Budget Act of 2025.~~

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