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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 118

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**Introduced by ~~Assembly Member Gabriel~~ Committee on Budget**  
**(Assembly Members Gabriel (Chair), Addis, Ahrens, Alvarez,**  
**Bennett, Bonta, Connolly, Fong, Haney, Hart, Jackson, Lee,**  
**Muratsuchi, Ortega, Patel, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos,**  
**Rogers, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ward, and**  
**Wilson)**

January 8, 2025

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*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

AB 118, as amended, ~~Gabriel Committee on Budget. 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*

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

27 (1) For the 2021–22 fiscal year, thirty-nine million nine hundred  
28 forty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,949,000) shall be appropriated  
29 from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and  
30 supervision services for the population specified in subdivision  
31 (b) of Section 1990 based on a projected average daily population  
32 of 177.6 wards. The by-county distribution shall be based on 30  
33 percent of the per-county percentage of the average number of  
34 wards committed to the Department of Corrections and  
35 Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice, as of December 31,  
36 2018, June 30, 2019, and December 31, 2019, 50 percent of the  
37 by-county distribution of juveniles adjudicated for certain violent  
38 and serious felony crime categories per 2018 Juvenile Court and  
39 Probation Statistical System data, updated annually based on the  
40 most recently available data, and 20 percent of the by-county



distribution of all individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the preceding calendar year.

(2) For the 2022–23 fiscal year, one hundred eighteen million three hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$118,339,000) shall be appropriated from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1990. The by-county distribution is based on the per-county percentage referenced in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and a projected average daily population of 526 wards.

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

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

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

(6) For the 2026–27 fiscal year, two hundred eight million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$208,800,000) shall be appropriated from the General Fund to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified in subdivision

1 *(b) of Section 1990 and the by-county distribution shall be based*  
2 *on the following:*

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

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

14 *(C) Thirty-five percent of the per-county percentage of all*  
15 *individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the*  
16 *preceding calendar year.*

17 *(D) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total*  
18 *number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision*  
19 *(b) of Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment*  
20 *facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program, per*  
21 *county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community*  
22 *Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section*  
23 *2200.*

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

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

35 *(B) Twenty percent of the per-county percentage of the total*  
36 *number of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision*  
37 *(b) of Section 707 who were not committed to a secure youth*  
38 *treatment facility, 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 (C) Thirty-five percent of the per-county percentage of all  
2 individuals between 10 and 17 years of age, inclusive, from the  
3 preceding calendar year.

4 (D) Ten percent of the per-county percentage of the total number  
5 of wards adjudicated for an offense listed in subdivision (b) of  
6 Section 707 who were committed to a secure youth treatment  
7 facility and then transferred to a less restrictive program, per  
8 county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community  
9 Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section  
10 2200.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (D) Five 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, per  
5 county data submissions to the Office of Youth and Community  
6 Restoration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section  
7 2200.

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

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

26 ~~(6)~~

27 (10) The Department of Finance shall increase to no more than  
28 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) the award amount  
29 for any county whose allocation as calculated pursuant to  
30 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), ~~and (5)~~ (5), (6), (7), and (8) totals less  
31 than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The  
32 appropriation in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), ~~and (5)~~ (5), (6), (7),  
33 and (8) shall be increased by the amounts needed to bring each  
34 county's allocation to two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
35 (\$250,000).

36 (b) Commencing with the 2024–25 fiscal year, the allocations  
37 determined by paragraphs (4), (5), ~~and (6)~~ (6), (7), (8), and (10)  
38 of subdivision (a) shall be adjusted annually by a rate  
39 commensurate with any applicable growth in the Juvenile Justice  
40 Growth Special Account in the prior fiscal year. Each year, this

1 growth shall become additive to the next year's base allocation.  
2 Any applicable growth amounts pursuant to this subdivision shall  
3 be allocated based on a schedule provided by the Department of  
4 Finance, as described in subdivision (c), to the Controller consistent  
5 with the timelines for other 2011 Public Safety Realignment growth  
6 allocations.

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

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

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

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

37 (c) The plan described in subdivision (a) shall be developed  
38 with review and participation of the subcommittee community  
39 members as defined in subdivision (b) and shall be approved by  
40 a majority of the subcommittee.

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

(1) A description of the realignment target population in the county that is to be supported or served by allocations from the block grant program, including the numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including their ages, offense and offense histories, gender, race or ethnicity, and other characteristics, and by the programs, placements, or facilities to which they are referred.

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

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

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

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

(C) Family engagement in programs.

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

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

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

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

1 (5) A description of how the plan will incentivize or facilitate  
2 the retention of realigned youth within the jurisdiction and  
3 rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system in lieu of  
4 transfers of realigned youth into the adult criminal justice system.

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

8 (7) A description of how data will be collected on the youth  
9 served and outcomes for youth served by the block grant program,  
10 including a description the outcome measures that will be utilized  
11 to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions  
12 supported by block grant funds.

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

17 (9) *A summary of expenditures from the prior fiscal year,*  
18 *including, but not limited to, total expenditures, a description of*  
19 *whether the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan*  
20 *described in subdivision (a), and a description of how these*  
21 *expenditures improve outcomes for the realignment target*  
22 *population described in Section 1990. The summary shall be in a*  
23 *format designated by the Office of Youth and Community*  
24 *Restoration.*

25 (e) In order to receive 2022–23 funding pursuant to Section  
26 1991, a plan shall be filed with the Office of Youth and Community  
27 Restoration by January 1, 2022. In order to continue receiving  
28 funding, the subcommittee shall convene no less frequently than  
29 twice per year to consider the plan and shall update the plan  
30 annually. The plan shall be submitted to the Office of Youth and  
31 Community Restoration by May 1 of each year.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) "Authorized pilot retailer" means any retail establishment that is authorized to accept CalFresh benefits, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, corner stores, farmers' markets, farm stands, and mobile markets.

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

(3) "Supplemental benefits" means additional funds delivered to a CalFresh recipient's EBT card upon purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables using CalFresh benefits, and to be redeemed only for purchases allowed under the CalFresh program at an authorized retailer.

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

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

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



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

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

6 (5) The supplemental benefits mechanism complies with all  
7 applicable state and federal laws governing procedures to ensure  
8 privacy and confidentiality.

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

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

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

19 (9) There shall be no expiration date for use of supplemental  
20 benefits, but the benefits may be expunged in accordance with  
21 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
22 regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (A) Previous experience and effectiveness in administering  
12 CalFresh nutrition incentive programs, or similar supplemental  
13 benefits programs.

14 (B) Partnership commitment from at least one existing  
15 authorized retailer that already accepts CalFresh benefits and sells  
16 fresh fruits and vegetables.

17 (C) Ability to ensure that supplemental benefits are only accrued  
18 and delivered when purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables with  
19 CalFresh benefits and will be used only to make purchases  
20 authorized under the CalFresh program.

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

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

25 (F) Any other criteria that the department deems necessary for  
26 successful pilot project implementation, such as the level of need  
27 in the community, the size of the CalFresh population, and the  
28 need for geographic diversity.

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

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

32 (B) Conducting community outreach.

33 (C) Providing evaluation data to the department.

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

36 (f) (1) The department shall evaluate the pilot projects *that*  
37 *operated pursuant to this section between February 1, 2023, and*  
38 *January 31, 2025*, and make recommendations to further refine  
39 and expand the supplemental benefits mechanism. These  
40 recommendations shall also include a strategy for CalFresh client

1 education, developed in consultation with county CalFresh  
2 administrators and advocates. The evaluation shall examine the  
3 efficacy of supplemental benefits accrual, delivery, and redemption  
4 from the perspective of CalFresh recipients, participating retailers,  
5 and state administrators. The evaluation shall also provide  
6 recommendations for further modifications that would make the  
7 mechanism easier for CalFresh recipients to use, for a variety of  
8 authorized retailer types to adopt, and for the department to  
9 administer. The department may contract with an independent  
10 evaluator to conduct this evaluation.

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

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

18 (i) The results of the evaluation required pursuant to paragraph  
19 (1).

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

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

25 (II) The staffing and technical resources needed by the Office  
26 of Technology and Solutions Integration to certify new retailers'  
27 EBT systems when they are onboarded into the program.

28 (III) Resources needed to align the EBT system and the  
29 California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to  
30 fully automate financial reconciliation of fruit and vegetable  
31 supplemental benefits as the program expands.

32 (IV) Expansion to include online CalFresh transactions and  
33 grocery delivery services.

34 (3) (A) By July 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report  
35 to the Legislature on the topics described by paragraphs (1) and  
36 (2).

37 (B) The report submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be  
38 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
39 Code.

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

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

(2) Contracts or grants awarded pursuant to this section are exempt from the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual, and are not subject to the approval of the Department of General Services or the Department of Technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Upon certification that the Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to implement this

1 section, *and to the extent permitted by federal law*, counties shall  
2 provide recipients with a prepopulated semiannual ~~report form~~  
3 *report, either via mail or electronically, at the election of the*  
4 *recipient*, instead of a blank form to comply with the requirement  
5 described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 11265.1.  
6 *Final policy guidance for changes to the prepopulated semiannual*  
7 *report shall be completed by the department by August 15, 2025.*

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

11 12306.16. (a) Commencing July 1, 2019, all counties shall  
12 have a rebased County IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

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

17 (2) The Department of Finance shall consult with the department  
18 and the California State Association of Counties to determine each  
19 county’s share of the statewide total rebased County IHSS MOE  
20 base amount. The rebased County IHSS MOE base shall be unique  
21 to each individual county.

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

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

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

(D) The department shall consult with the California State Association of Counties, the County Welfare Directors Association of California, and the California Association of Public Authorities to determine the county-by-county distribution of the amount of General Fund moneys appropriated in the annual Budget Act for county administration and public authority administration.

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

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

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

(B) With respect to any increase in provider wages or health benefits approved on or after July 1, 2019, pursuant to

1 subparagraph (A), the state shall participate in that increase as  
2 provided in subparagraph (A) up to the amount specified in  
3 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 12306.1.  
4 The county shall pay the entire nonfederal share of any cost  
5 increase exceeding the amount specified in paragraphs (1), (2),  
6 and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 12306.1.

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

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

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

38 (4) (A) With respect to any rate increases to existing contracts  
39 that a county has already entered into pursuant to Section 12302,  
40 the state shall pay 65 percent, and the affected county shall pay

1 35 percent, of the nonfederal share of the amount of the rate  
2 increase up to the maximum amounts established pursuant to  
3 Sections 12302.1 and 12303. The county shall pay the entire  
4 nonfederal share of any portion of the rate increase exceeding the  
5 maximum amount established pursuant to Sections 12302.1 and  
6 12303. This adjustment shall be calculated based on the county's  
7 2019–20 paid IHSS contract hours, or the paid contract hours in  
8 the fiscal year in which the contract becomes effective if the  
9 contract becomes effective on or after July 1, 2019, using the  
10 appropriate cost-sharing ratio as grown by the applicable number  
11 of inflation factors pursuant to subdivision (c) that have occurred  
12 up to and including the fiscal year in which the increase becomes  
13 effective.

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

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

38 (A) For a contract described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph  
39 (4), the first-year cost of the amount of the rate increase calculated  
40 using the pro rata share of the number of hours of service provided



1 in the contract for the fiscal year in which the increase became  
2 effective.

3 (B) For a contract described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph  
4 (4), the first-year cost of the difference between the locally  
5 negotiated, mediated, imposed, or adopted by ordinance provider  
6 wage and the contract rate for all of the hours of service to IHSS  
7 recipients calculated using the pro rata share of the number of  
8 hours of service provided in the contract for the fiscal year in which  
9 the contract became effective.

10 (6) If the state ceases to receive enhanced federal financial  
11 participation for the provision of services pursuant to Section  
12 1915(k) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec.  
13 1396n(k)), the rebased County IHSS MOE shall be adjusted one  
14 time to reflect a 35-percent share of the enhanced federal financial  
15 participation that would have been received pursuant to Section  
16 1915(k) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec.  
17 1396n(k)) for the fiscal year in which the state ceases to receive  
18 the enhanced federal financial participation.

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

35 ~~(7)~~

36 (8) The rebased County IHSS MOE shall not be adjusted for  
37 increases in individual provider wages that are locally negotiated  
38 pursuant to subdivision (a) of, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
39 subdivision (d) of, Section 12306.1 when the increase has been

specifically negotiated to take effect at the same time as, and to be the same amount as, state minimum wage increases.

(8)

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

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

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

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

(9)

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

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

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

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

(2) For initial adoption assistance agreements executed from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009, inclusive, the adoptive family shall be paid an amount of aid based on the child's needs otherwise covered in AFDC-FC payments and the circumstances of the adopting parents, but that shall not exceed the basic foster care maintenance payment rate structure in effect on December

1 31, 2009, that would have been paid based on the age-related  
2 state-approved foster family home rate, and any applicable  
3 specialized care increment, for a child placed in a licensed or  
4 approved family home.

5 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for  
6 initial adoption assistance agreements executed on January 1, 2010,  
7 to June 30, 2011, inclusive, or the effective date specified in a final  
8 order, for which the time to appeal has passed, issued by a court  
9 of competent jurisdiction in California State Foster Parent  
10 Association, et al. v. William Lightbourne, et al., (U.S. Dist. Ct.  
11 No. C 07-08056 WHA), whichever is earlier, where the adoption  
12 is finalized on or before June 30, 2011, or the date specified in that  
13 order, whichever is earlier, the adoptive family shall be paid an  
14 amount of aid based on the child's needs otherwise covered in  
15 AFDC-FC payments and the circumstance of the adopting parents,  
16 but that amount shall not exceed the basic foster care maintenance  
17 payment rate structure in effect on June 30, 2011, or the date  
18 immediately before the date specified in the order described in this  
19 paragraph, whichever is earlier, and any applicable specialized  
20 care increment, that the child would have received while placed  
21 in a licensed or approved family home. Adoption assistance benefit  
22 payments shall not be increased based solely on age. This  
23 paragraph shall not preclude any reassessments of the child's needs,  
24 consistent with other provisions of this chapter.

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

1 effective and available as of December 31, 2016, plus any  
2 applicable specialized care increment. These adoption assistance  
3 benefit payments shall not be increased based solely on age. This  
4 paragraph shall not preclude any reassessments of the child's needs,  
5 consistent with other provisions of this chapter.

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

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

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

36 (b) Payment may be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible  
37 child in a state-approved group home, short-term residential  
38 therapeutic program, or residential care treatment facility if the  
39 department or county responsible for determining payment has  
40 confirmed that the placement is necessary for the temporary

1 resolution of mental or emotional problems related to a condition  
2 that existed before the adoptive placement. Out-of-home in-state  
3 placements shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions  
4 of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1500) of Division 2 of  
5 the Health and Safety Code and other applicable statutes and  
6 regulations governing eligibility for AFDC-FC payments for  
7 placements in in-state facilities. If the placement is out-of-state,  
8 ~~the facility must be eligible for Title IV-E funded placements in~~  
9 ~~the state in which it is situated.~~ *payments may be made only if the*  
10 *provisions of Section 16121.5 are met.* The Adoption Assistance  
11 Program (AAP) rate paid on behalf of the child shall not exceed  
12 the rate paid for a short-term residential therapeutic program. The  
13 designation of the placement facility shall be made after  
14 consultation with the *adoptive* family by the department or county  
15 welfare agency responsible for determining the Adoption  
16 Assistance Program eligibility and authorizing financial aid. Group  
17 home, short-term residential therapeutic program, or residential  
18 placement shall only be made as part of a plan for return of the  
19 child to the adoptive family, that shall actively participate in the  
20 plan. Adoption Assistance Program benefits may be authorized  
21 for payment for an eligible child's group home, short-term  
22 residential therapeutic program, or residential treatment facility  
23 placement if the placement is justified by a specific episode or  
24 condition and does not exceed an 18-month cumulative period of  
25 time. After an initial authorized group home, short-term residential  
26 therapeutic program, or residential treatment facility placement,  
27 subsequent authorizations for payment for a group home,  
28 short-term residential therapeutic program, or residential treatment  
29 facility placement may be based on an eligible child's subsequent  
30 specific episodes or conditions.

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

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

39 (B) Rates paid on behalf of regional center consumers who are  
40 recipients of AAP benefits and for whom an adoption assistance

1 agreement was executed before July 1, 2007, shall remain in effect,  
2 and may only be changed in accordance with Section 16119.

3 (i) If the rates paid pursuant to adoption assistance agreements  
4 executed before July 1, 2007, are lower than the rates specified in  
5 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) or paragraph (1) of subdivision  
6 (d) of Section 11464, respectively, those rates shall be increased,  
7 as appropriate and in accordance with Section 16119, to the amount  
8 set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) or paragraph (1) of  
9 subdivision (d) of Section 11464, effective July 1, 2007. Once set,  
10 the rates shall remain in effect and may only be changed in  
11 accordance with Section 16119.

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

29 (3) Regional centers shall separately purchase or secure the  
30 services contained in the child's IFSP or IPP, pursuant to Section  
31 4684.

32 (4) Regulations adopted by the department pursuant to this  
33 subdivision shall be adopted as emergency regulations in  
34 accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340)  
35 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and for  
36 the purposes of that chapter, including Section 11349.6 of the  
37 Government Code, the adoption of these regulations is an  
38 emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative  
39 Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
40 peace, health, safety, and general welfare. The regulations

1 authorized by this paragraph shall remain in effect for no more  
2 than 180 days, by which time final regulations shall be adopted.

3 (d) (1) In the event that a family signs an adoption assistance  
4 agreement where a cash benefit is not awarded, the adopting family  
5 shall be otherwise eligible to receive Medi-Cal benefits for the  
6 child if it is determined that the benefits are needed pursuant to  
7 this chapter.

8 (2) Regional centers shall separately purchase or secure the  
9 services that are contained in the child's Individualized Family  
10 Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Program Plan (IPP) pursuant to  
11 Section 4684.

12 ~~(e) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (d) shall apply only to adoption~~  
13 ~~assistance agreements signed on or after October 1, 1992. An~~  
14 ~~adoption assistance agreement executed before October 1, 1992,~~  
15 ~~shall continue to be paid in accordance with the terms of that~~  
16 ~~agreement, and shall not be eligible for any increase in the basic~~  
17 ~~foster care maintenance rate structure that occurred after December~~  
18 ~~31, 2007.~~

19 ~~(f) This section shall supersede the requirements of subparagraph~~  
20 ~~(C) of paragraph (1) of Section 35333 of Title 22 of the California~~  
21 ~~Code of Regulations.~~

22 ~~(g)~~

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

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

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

39 (b) AAP benefits may be authorized for payment for an eligible  
40 child's placement in an out-of-state residential treatment facility

1 *if the responsible public agency has determined that both of the*  
2 *following conditions exist:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 (2) For purposes of this section, “out-of-state residential  
2 treatment facility” shall not include wilderness programs, boot  
3 camps, detention facilities, any facility operated primarily for the  
4 detention of youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system,  
5 academies, or schools, including, but not limited to, boarding  
6 schools and military schools.

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

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

16 (A) Licensed or otherwise approved by the applicable state or  
17 tribal authority.

18 (B) In good standing.

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

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

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

26 (g) Commencing September 1, 2025, and annually thereafter,  
27 county adoption agencies shall provide all of the following  
28 information to the department:

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

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

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

35 (h) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to invalidate or  
36 alter the terms or conditions of adoption assistance agreements  
37 executed before the effective date of this section. For a child who  
38 is placed in an out-of-state residential treatment facility before  
39 June 30, 2025, or the effective date of this section, whichever date  
40 is later, and remains in placement on June 30, 2025, or the effective

1 *date of this section, whichever date is later, payment at the*  
2 *negotiated benefit amount shall not exceed the timeframe*  
3 *authorized in the adoption assistance agreement in effect on June*  
4 *30, 2025, or the effective date of this section, whichever date is*  
5 *later, unless the responsible public agency and the adoptive parents*  
6 *have negotiated and agreed upon up to an additional 60 calendar*  
7 *days for the purpose of transitioning the child home.*

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

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

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

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

33 *SEC. 8. Section 16121.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions*  
34 *Code, to read:*

35 *16121.5. (a) Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) payments*  
36 *may be made on behalf of an otherwise eligible child for placement*  
37 *in an out-of-state residential treatment facility if one or more of*  
38 *the adoptive parents reside in the state in which the residential*  
39 *treatment facility is located and the responsible public agency has*  
40 *confirmed that placement in the out-of-state residential treatment*

1 facility is necessary for the temporary resolution of the mental  
2 health, behavioral health, or emotional health needs of the child  
3 and related to a condition that existed before the adoptive  
4 placement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (C) The Tier 3+ Immediate Needs Funding established under  
32 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section  
33 16562.

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

36 (e) (1) For the purpose of this section, "out-of-state residential  
37 treatment facility" means a facility that is located in a state outside  
38 of California, is licensed and in good standing or otherwise  
39 approved and in good standing by the applicable state or tribal  
40 authority, is eligible as a Title IV-E funded placement in the state

1 in which it is situated, and provides an integrated program of  
2 specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and  
3 supports, treatment, and short-term, 24-hour, trauma-informed  
4 care and supervision to children. An out-of-state residential  
5 treatment facility may be called another name, including a group  
6 home, a residential facility, or a residential care treatment facility.  
7 An out-of-state residential treatment facility shall have a  
8 trauma-informed therapeutic focus to treat a child's mental health,  
9 behavioral health, emotional health, and attachment needs, and  
10 shall have a mental health clinic program.

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

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

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

26 (A) Licensed or otherwise approved by the applicable state or  
27 tribal authority.

28 (B) In good standing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25    SEC. 9. *Section 16506.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions*  
26 *Code, to read:*

27    16506.5. (a) *Effective July 1, 2025, county child welfare*  
28 *agencies shall convene child and family team meetings, as defined*  
29 *in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 16501, for children*  
30 *and youth receiving family maintenance services pursuant to*  
31 *Section 16506. Requirements for child and family teams, including,*  
32 *but not limited to, those described in Sections 832, 16501, and*  
33 *16501.1, shall apply to child and family team meetings for children*  
34 *and youth receiving family maintenance services pursuant to*  
35 *Section 16506.*

36    (b) *Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the*  
37 *Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with*  
38 *Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government*  
39 *Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific*  
40 *this section by means of all-county letters or similar instructions,*

1 *which shall be exempt from submission to or review by the Office*  
2 *of Administrative Law and shall have the same force and effect of*  
3 *regulations, until regulations are adopted, not later than January*  
4 *1, 2030.*

5 *SEC. 10. Section 18917.1 is added to the Welfare and*  
6 *Institutions Code, to read:*

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

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

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

38 *However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that*  
39 *this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement*  
40 *to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*

1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

3 SEC. 12. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related  
4 to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section  
5 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified  
6 as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect  
7 immediately.

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