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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1652**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg**

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Section 11008.16 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1652, as amended, Goldberg. Public social services: ~~CalWORKs~~; relocation assistance.

~~Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program and other social services programs, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low income families and individuals.~~

~~Existing law provides for the disregard of various incomes and resources for purposes of eligibility and aid determinations under the CalWORKs program.~~

*Existing law provides for the disregard of certain incomes and resources for purposes of various public assistance and social services programs, including the CalWORKs program, the In-Home Supportive*

*Services Program, the Medi-Cal program, the Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants, and general assistance programs.*

This bill would exclude payments for relocation assistance, as defined, from income and resources for purposes of eligibility and aid determination under ~~the CalWORKs program~~ *these programs*.

Existing law continuously appropriates money from the General Fund for aid grants under the CalWORKs program.

This bill would, instead, provide that the continuous appropriation would not be made for the purpose of funding the income and resource exemption.

~~Because each county is responsible for making eligibility determinations under the CalWORKs program and because this bill would change eligibility requirements, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program.~~

*By changing eligibility standards under the above public assistance and social services programs, this bill would increase the responsibilities of counties with respect to the administration of these programs, thereby resulting in a state-mandated local program.*

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, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11008.16 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 11008.16. (a) To the extent permitted by federal law,
- 4 relocation assistance received by an aid recipient shall not be
- 5 considered as income or resources of the recipient and shall not be



1 ~~deducted from the amount of any public assistance or aid to which~~  
2 ~~the recipient would otherwise be entitled under this division.~~  
3 *considered in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, aid or*  
4 *benefits to which an applicant or a recipient would otherwise be*  
5 *entitled under this division.*

6 (b) For purposes of this section, “relocation assistance” means  
7 payment to a person that includes, but is not limited to, either of  
8 the following:

9 (1) Payment made by a private landlord under local rent control  
10 ordinances for evicting a tenant.

11 (2) Payment made pursuant to state or local law to compensate  
12 a person for moving when this payment is not otherwise exempted  
13 from consideration as income and resources for public assistance  
14 recipients under another statute.

15 (c) No appropriation pursuant to Section 15200 shall be made  
16 for the purpose of funding the resource exemptions provided for  
17 in this section.

18 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government  
19 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this  
20 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local  
21 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant  
22 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title  
23 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for  
24 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),  
25 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims  
26 Fund.

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