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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2194

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 22, 2006

An act to add Section 10609.45 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2194, as amended, Bass. Independent Living Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to develop statewide standards for the Independent Living Program for emancipated foster youth established and funded pursuant to federal law, to assist these individuals in making the transition to self-sufficiency. Under existing law, a child in receipt of Kin-GAP benefits is also entitled to request and receive these independent living services.

This bill would require *that, to the extent resources are available,* services under the Independent Living Program ~~to~~ *shall* be provided to specified wards of nonrelated legal guardians and otherwise eligible former foster children, as specified.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10609.45 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 10609.45. ~~Notwithstanding~~ *To the extent resources are*
4 *available, and notwithstanding* any other provision of law,
5 services under the Independent Living Program, established
6 pursuant to the federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget
7 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-272) shall be
8 provided to an otherwise eligible former foster child placed with
9 a nonrelated legal guardian, who is receiving permanent
10 placement services pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 16508.
11 In addition, services under the Independent Living Program may
12 be provided to both of the following:
13 (a) A ward of a nonrelated legal guardian whose guardianship
14 was established pursuant to Section 1513 of the Probate Code
15 and who receives AFDC-FC benefits and case management
16 pursuant to Section 11405.
17 (b) An otherwise eligible foster child who is adopted at 14
18 years of age or older.

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