

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 975

Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio

February 22, 2007

An act to add Section 8217 to the Education Code, relating to child care, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 975, as amended, Solorio. Child care resource and referral programs.

The Child Care and Development Services Act provides child care and development services to children from birth to age 13 years and their parents through full- and part-time programs. The act declares the intent of the Legislature that \$180,000 be appropriated each fiscal year for allocation to child care resource and referral agencies operated by local educational agencies for purposes of child care resource and referral programs. The act requires child care resource and referral programs, established to serve a defined geographic area, to provide specified services.

This bill, in addition to those services, would require child care resource and referral programs established to serve a defined geographic area to provide training and support to license-exempt child care providers in a culturally and linguistically sensitive manner to enhance the quality of child care services.

The bill would appropriate ~~an unspecified amount~~ \$2,900,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for distribution to child care resource and referral programs for purposes of providing support and training to license-exempt child care providers.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of
2 the following:
3 (1) Across California, anywhere from 60 to 90 percent of
4 children in the subsidized child care system are cared for by family,
5 friends, and neighbors in license-exempt child care settings.
6 (2) Child care resource and referral programs funded statewide
7 through the State Department of Education are uniquely qualified
8 to provide support and training to license-exempt child care
9 providers.
10 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to
11 support and foster the quality of child care in license-exempt child
12 care settings.
13 SEC. 2. Section 8217 is added to the Education Code, to read:
14 8217. Contingent upon the availability of funding, in addition
15 to the services described in Section 8212, a child care resource
16 and referral program established to serve a defined geographic
17 area shall provide training and support to license-exempt child
18 care providers in a culturally and linguistically sensitive manner
19 to enhance the quality of child care services.
20 SEC. 3. The sum of _____ (\$_____) *two million nine hundred*
21 *thousand dollars (\$2,900,000)* is hereby appropriated from the
22 General Fund to the State Department of Education for distribution
23 to child care resource and referral programs described in Section
24 8210 of the Education Code for the purpose of providing support
25 and training to license-exempt child care providers pursuant to
26 Section 8217 of the Education Code.

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