SENATE BILL

No. 1160

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 6, 2008

An act to add Sections 10830.1 and 11052.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1160, as introduced, Alquist. CalWORKs program: eligibility.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services and the California Health and Human Services Agency Data Center to design, implement, and maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with the determination of eligibility for benefits under the CalWORKs program, excluding the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care program, and the Food Stamp Program. Existing law, with specified exceptions, requires applicants for, and recipients of, CalWORKs and Food Stamp Program benefits, as a condition of eligibility, to be fingerprint imaged, pursuant to the statewide fingerprint imaging system.

This bill would exempt from that requirement a caretaker relative who is caring for a dependent child of the court, who is changing residence from one county to another county and applying for benefits on behalf of one or more related children who are receiving benefits under the CalWORKs program, and who is not an applicant for, or a recipient of, benefits under the CalWORKs program.

Existing law provides that no applicant shall be granted public assistance under the CalWORKs program and social services block grant programs until he or she is first personally interviewed by the county or state staff for patients in state hospitals.

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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 10830.1 is added to Chapter 4.6 of Part
2 2 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:
3 10830.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
4 Chapter shall not apply to any caretaker relative when all of the
5 following apply:
6 (1) He or she is an approved relative pursuant to subdivision
7 (d) of Section 309 caring for a child who is a dependent child of
8 the court.
9 (2) The caretaker relative is changing residence from one county
10 to another county and is applying for benefits in the new county
11 on behalf of one or more related children who are current recipients
12 of benefits under the CalWORKs program under Chapter 2
13 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3.
14 (3) The caretaker relative is not an applicant for, or a recipient
15 of, benefits under the CalWORKs program.
16 (b) If the caretaker relative subsequently applies for benefits
17 under the CalWORKs program, he or she shall be subject to the
18 requirements of Section 10830 that are applicable to that program.
19 SEC. 2. Section 11052.6 is added to the Welfare and
20 Institutions Code, to read:
21 11052.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
22 requirements of Section 11052.5 shall not apply to any caretaker
23 relative when all of the following apply:
24 (1) He or she is an approved relative pursuant to subdivision
25 (d) of Section 309 caring for a child who is a dependent child of
26 the court.
27 (2) The caretaker relative is changing residence from one county
28 to another county and is applying for benefits in the new county
29 on behalf of one or more related children who are current recipients
30 of benefits under the CalWORKS Program under Chapter 2
31 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3.

1   (3) The caretaker relative is not an applicant for or a recipient
2 of benefits under the CalWORKS Program.
3   (b) If the caretaker relative subsequently applies for benefits
4 under the CalWORKS Program, he or she shall be subject to the
5 requirements of Section 11052.5 that are applicable to that
6 program.

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