

Senate Bill No. 1160

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 18987.5 of, and to add Section 11052.6 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 1160, Alquist. Children’s social services programs.

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.

This bill would exempt from that requirement a caretaker relative who is caring for a dependent child of the court, and is receiving CalWORKs benefits on behalf of the child, 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 authorizes designated participating counties to establish a child and family interagency coordinating council to implement various aspects of a youth pilot program. Under the pilot program, various children’s services funds may be transferred to a designated county fund for services for children and families. Existing law terminates the program on January 1, 2009.

This bill would extend the operative duration of the youth pilot program to January 1, 2013.

By requiring the county CalWORKs program to verify that the individual applying for the described benefits meets the criteria set forth in the bill, this bill imposes 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.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11052.6 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

11052.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the requirements of Section 11052.5 shall not apply to any caretaker relative when all of the following apply:

(1) He or she is an approved relative pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 309 caring for a child who is a dependent child of the court, and is receiving benefits under the CalWORKs program on behalf of the child.

(2) The caretaker relative is changing residence from one county to another county and is applying for benefits in the new county on behalf of one or more related children who are current recipients of benefits under the CalWORKS Program under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3.

(3) The caretaker relative is not an applicant for or a recipient of benefits under the CalWORKS Program.

(b) If the caretaker relative subsequently applies for benefits under the CalWORKS Program, he or she shall be subject to the requirements of Section 11052.5 that are applicable to that program.

(c) The county CalWORKs program shall verify that the individual applying for benefits meets the criteria set forth in this section.

SEC. 2. Section 18987.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18987.5. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this chapter shall become inoperative on January 1, 2013, and, as of January 1, 2014, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because this act provides for offsetting savings to local agencies or school districts that result in no net costs to the local agencies or school districts, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

Approved _____, 2008

Governor