

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 304**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Price**

February 17, 2009

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An act to amend Sections 8223 and 8224 of the Education Code, relating to child care and development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 304, as introduced, Price. Child Care and Development Services Act: alternative payment programs.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, provides that children up to 13 years of age are eligible, with certain requirements, for child care and development services. The act requires the department to contract with local contracting agencies to provide for alternative payment programs and requires the reimbursement for alternative payment programs to include the cost of child care paid to child care providers, and past administrative and support services. The act further requires the audits for local contracting agencies for alternative payment programs to include specified factors, including a sampling of the evidence of specified fees.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8223 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 8223. The reimbursement for alternative payment programs  
4 shall include the cost of child care paid to child care providers plus  
5 the administrative and support services costs of the alternative  
6 payment program. The total cost for ~~administration~~ *administrative*  
7 and support services shall not exceed an amount equal to 19 percent  
8 of the total contract amount. The administrative costs shall not  
9 exceed the costs allowable for administration under federal  
10 requirements.

11 SEC. 2. Section 8224 of the Education Code is amended to  
12 read:

13 8224. The audits for ~~such~~ *local contracting* agencies shall  
14 include, but not be limited to, a sampling of the evidence of fees  
15 charged to, and paid by, families of ~~non-subsidized~~ *nonsubsidized*  
16 children, the daily enrollment of subsidized children, the number  
17 of days of service provided to subsidized children, the assessment  
18 and collection of parent fees, and the availability of support  
19 services to subsidized children and their families as needed  
20 pursuant to the terms of the contract.

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