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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 5

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

December 8, 2008

~~An act relating to the Budget Act of 2008.~~ *An act to amend Sections 4639.5, 4640.6, 11453, 12201, and 12201.05 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 5, as amended, Ducheny. ~~Budget Act of 2008.~~ *Human services.*

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families and sets forth the duties of regional centers in that regard.

Existing law requires that contracts between the department and regional centers specify certain coordinator-to-consumer ratios. Existing law also requires these contracts to require the regional center to have, or contract for, expertise in certain areas.

This bill would provide that, from February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, certain coordinator-to-consumer ratio requirements shall not apply and that a regional center shall not be required to have or contract for certain areas of expertise.

Existing law requires regional centers, by December 1 of each year, to provide a listing to the department of a complete salary schedule for all personnel classifications used by the regional center and information on all prior fiscal year expenditures, as specified.

This bill, from February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, would suspend the salary schedule reporting requirements. The bill would also provide that regional centers shall not be required to report certain prior fiscal year operations expenditures in 2008 and 2009.

The bill would also require regional centers, in order to implement changes in the level of funding for regional center purchase of services, from February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, to reduce certain payments for services delivered on or after December 1, 2008, by 3%, except as specified.

Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program under which, through a combination of state and county funds and federal funds received through the TANF program, each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families.

Existing law, with certain exceptions, requires an annual cost-of-living adjustment to be made in maximum aid payments provided to needy families under the CalWORKs program.

This bill would provide that no adjustment to the maximum aid payment would be made for the 2009–10 fiscal year.

Existing law provides for the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), which requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to SSP recipients to supplement Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act.

Under existing law, benefit payments under the SSP are calculated by establishing the maximum level of nonexempt income and federal SSI and state SSP benefits for each category of eligible recipient. The state SSP payment is the amount, when added to the nonexempt income and SSI benefits available to the recipient, which would be required to provide the maximum benefit payment. Under existing law, this adjustment becomes effective on January 1 of each year, until the 2010 calendar year, and thereafter, when the adjustment takes effect on June 1.

This bill would provide that no benefit adjustment would be made for the 2010 calendar year, and would require the adjustment to be made effective June 1 commencing with the 2011 calendar year and thereafter.

Existing law provides that, commencing with the 2004 calendar year and thereafter, in any calendar year in which no cost-of-living adjustment is made to the payment schedules, there shall be a pass along of any cost-of-living increases in federal SSI benefits.

This bill would, for the 2009 calendar year, provide for the elimination of the federal pass along commencing April 1, 2009, except as specified.

This bill would become operative if either AB 2 or SB 2 and AB 9 or SB 9 of the 2009–10 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature are chaptered.

The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to call the Legislature into special session for that purpose. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency, and calling a special session for this purpose, on December 1, 2008.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4639.5 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4639.5. (a) By December 1 of each year, each regional center
- 4 shall provide a listing to the State Department of Developmental
- 5 Services a complete current salary schedule for all personnel
- 6 classifications used by the regional center. The information shall
- 7 be provided in a format prescribed by the department. The
- 8 department shall provide this information to the public upon

request. *From February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, the requirements of this subdivision shall not apply.*

(b) By December 1 of each year, each regional center shall report information to the State Department of Developmental Services on all prior fiscal year expenditures from the regional center operations budget for all administrative services, including managerial, consultant, accounting, personnel, labor relations, and legal services, whether procured under a written contract or otherwise. Expenditures for the maintenance, repair, or purchase of equipment or property shall not be required to be reported for purposes of this subdivision. The report shall be prepared in a format prescribed by the department and shall include, at a minimum, for each recipient the amount of funds expended, the type of service, and purpose of the expenditure. The department shall provide this information to the public upon request. *Regional centers shall not be required to prepare or submit the report required by this subdivision in 2008 and 2009.*

SEC. 2. *Section 4640.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:*

4640.6. (a) In approving regional center contracts, the department shall ensure that regional center staffing patterns demonstrate that direct service coordination are the highest priority.

(b) Contracts between the department and regional centers shall require that regional centers implement an emergency response system that ensures that a regional center staff person will respond to a consumer, or individual acting on behalf of a consumer, within two hours of the time an emergency call is placed. This emergency response system shall be operational 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

(c) Contracts between the department and regional centers shall require regional centers to have service coordinator-to-consumer ratios, as follows:

(1) An average service coordinator-to-consumer ratio of 1 to 62 for all consumers who have not moved from the developmental centers to the community since April 14, 1993. In no case shall a service coordinator for these consumers have an assigned caseload in excess of 79 consumers for more than 60 days.

(2) An average service coordinator-to-consumer ratio of 1 to 45 for all consumers who have moved from a developmental center to the community since April 14, 1993. In no case shall a service

1 coordinator for these consumers have an assigned caseload in
2 excess of 59 consumers for more than 60 days.

3 (3) Commencing January 1, 2004, the following
4 coordinator-to-consumer ratios shall apply:

5 (A) All consumers three years of age and younger and for
6 consumers enrolled ~~on~~ in the Home and Community-based Services
7 Waiver *program* for persons with developmental disabilities, an
8 average service coordinator-to-consumer ratio of 1 to 62.

9 (B) All consumers who have moved from a developmental
10 center to the community since April 14, 1993, and have lived
11 continuously in the community for at least 12 months, an average
12 service coordinator-to-consumer ratio of 1 to 62.

13 (C) All consumers who have not moved from the developmental
14 centers to the community since April 14, 1993, and who are not
15 described in subparagraph (A), an average service
16 coordinator-to-consumer ratio of 1 to 66.

17 (4) For purposes of paragraph (3), service coordinators may
18 have a mixed caseload of consumers three years of age and
19 younger, consumers enrolled ~~on~~ in the Home and
20 Community-based Services Waiver program for persons with
21 developmental disabilities, and other consumers if the overall
22 average caseload is weighted proportionately to ensure that overall
23 regional center average service coordinator-to-consumer ratios as
24 specified in paragraph (3) are met. For purposes of paragraph (3),
25 in no case shall a service coordinator have an assigned caseload
26 in excess of 84 for more than 60 days.

27 (d) For purposes of this section, “service coordinator” means a
28 regional center employee whose primary responsibility includes
29 preparing, implementing, and monitoring consumers’ individual
30 program plans, securing and coordinating consumer services and
31 supports, and providing placement and monitoring activities.

32 (e) In order to ensure that caseload ratios are maintained
33 pursuant to this section, each regional center shall provide service
34 coordinator caseload data to the department, annually for each
35 fiscal year. The data shall be submitted in the format, including
36 the content, prescribed by the department. Within 30 days of receipt
37 of data submitted pursuant to this subdivision, the department shall
38 make a summary of the data available to the public upon request.
39 The department shall verify the accuracy of the data when

1 conducting regional center fiscal audits. Data submitted by regional
2 centers pursuant to this subdivision shall:

3 (1) Only include data on service coordinator positions as defined
4 in subdivision (d). Regional centers shall identify the number of
5 positions that perform service coordinator duties on less than a
6 full-time basis. Staffing ratios reported pursuant to this subdivision
7 shall reflect the appropriate proportionality of these staff to
8 consumers served.

9 (2) Be reported separately for service coordinators whose
10 caseload includes any of the following:

11 (A) Consumers who are three years of age and older and who
12 have not moved from the developmental center to the community
13 since April 14, 1993.

14 (B) Consumers who have moved from a developmental center
15 to the community since April 14, 1993.

16 (C) Consumers who are younger than three years of age.

17 (D) Consumers enrolled in the Home and Community-based
18 Services Waiver program.

19 (3) Not include positions that are vacant for more than 60 days
20 or new positions established within 60 days of the reporting month
21 that are still vacant.

22 (4) For purposes of calculating caseload ratios for consumers
23 enrolled in the Home- and Community-based Services Waiver
24 program, vacancies shall not be included in the calculations.

25 (f) The department shall provide technical assistance and require
26 a plan of correction for any regional center that, for two consecutive
27 reporting periods, fails to maintain service coordinator caseload
28 ratios required by this section or otherwise demonstrates an
29 inability to maintain appropriate staffing patterns pursuant to this
30 section. Plans of correction shall be developed following input
31 from the local area board, local organizations representing
32 consumers, family members, regional center employees, including
33 recognized labor organizations, and service providers, and other
34 interested parties.

35 (g) Contracts between the department and regional center shall
36 require the regional center to have, or contract for, all of the
37 following areas:

38 (1) Criminal justice expertise to assist the regional center in
39 providing services and support to consumers involved in the
40 criminal justice system as a victim, defendant, inmate, or parolee.

1 (2) Special education expertise to assist the regional center in
2 providing advocacy and support to families seeking appropriate
3 educational services from a school district.

4 (3) Family support expertise to assist the regional center in
5 maximizing the effectiveness of support and services provided to
6 families.

7 (4) Housing expertise to assist the regional center in accessing
8 affordable housing for consumers in independent or supportive
9 living arrangements.

10 (5) Community integration expertise to assist consumers and
11 families in accessing integrated services and supports and improved
12 opportunities to participate in community life.

13 (6) Quality assurance expertise, to assist the regional center to
14 provide the necessary coordination and cooperation with the area
15 board in conducting quality-of-life assessments and coordinating
16 the regional center quality assurance efforts.

17 (7) Each regional center shall employ at least one consumer
18 advocate who is a person with developmental disabilities.

19 (8) Other staffing arrangements related to the delivery of
20 services that the department determines are necessary to ensure
21 maximum cost-effectiveness and to ensure that the service needs
22 of consumers and families are met.

23 (h) Any regional center proposing a staffing arrangement that
24 substantially deviates from the requirements of this section shall
25 request a waiver from the department. Prior to granting a waiver,
26 the department shall require a detailed staffing proposal, including,
27 but not limited to, how the proposed staffing arrangement will
28 benefit consumers and families served, and shall demonstrate clear
29 and convincing support for the proposed staffing arrangement from
30 constituencies served and impacted, that include, but are not limited
31 to, consumers, families, providers, advocates, and recognized labor
32 organizations. In addition, the regional center shall submit to the
33 department any written opposition to the proposal from
34 organizations or individuals, including, but not limited to,
35 consumers, families, providers, and advocates, including
36 recognized labor organizations. The department may grant waivers
37 to regional centers that sufficiently demonstrate that the proposed
38 staffing arrangement is in the best interest of consumers and
39 families served, complies with the requirements of this chapter,
40 and does not violate any contractual requirements. A waiver shall

1 be approved by the department for up to 12 months, at which time
2 a regional center may submit a new request pursuant to this
3 subdivision.

4 ~~(i) The requirements of subdivisions (c), (f), and (h) shall not~~
5 ~~apply when a regional center is required to develop an expenditure~~
6 ~~plan pursuant to Section 4791, and when the expenditure plan~~
7 ~~addresses the specific impact of the budget reduction on staffing~~
8 ~~requirements and the expenditure plan is approved by the~~
9 ~~department.~~

10 *(i) From February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, the*
11 *following shall not apply:*

12 *(1) The service coordinator-to-consumer ratio requirements of*
13 *paragraph (1), and subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3), of*
14 *subdivision (c).*

15 *(2) The requirements of subdivision (e). The regional centers*
16 *shall, instead, maintain sufficient service coordinator caseload*
17 *data to document compliance with the service*
18 *coordinator-to-consumer ratio requirements in effect pursuant to*
19 *this section.*

20 *(3) The requirements of paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of*
21 *subdivision (g).*

22 (j) (1) Any contract between the department and a regional
23 center entered into on and after January 1, 2003, shall require that
24 all employment contracts entered into with regional center staff
25 or contractors be available to the public for review, upon request.
26 For purposes of this subdivision, an employment contract or portion
27 thereof may not be deemed confidential nor unavailable for public
28 review.

29 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the social security number
30 of the contracting party may not be disclosed.

31 (3) The term of the employment contract between the regional
32 center and an employee or contractor shall not exceed the term of
33 the state's contract with the regional center.

34 *SEC. 3. Section 11453 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
35 *amended to read:*

36 11453. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the amounts
37 set forth in Section 11452 and subdivision (a) of Section 11450
38 shall be adjusted annually by the department to reflect any increases
39 or decreases in the cost of living. These adjustments shall become
40 effective July 1 of each year, unless otherwise specified by the

Legislature. For the 2000–01 fiscal year to the 2003–04 fiscal year, inclusive, these adjustments shall become effective October 1 of each year. The cost-of-living adjustment shall be calculated by the Department of Finance based on the changes in the California Necessities Index, which as used in this section means the weighted average changes for food, clothing, fuel, utilities, rent, and transportation for low-income consumers. The computation of annual adjustments in the California Necessities Index shall be made in accordance with the following steps:

(1) The base period expenditure amounts for each expenditure category within the California Necessities Index used to compute the annual grant adjustment are:

Food.....	\$ 3,027
Clothing (apparel and upkeep).....	406
Fuel and other utilities.....	529
Rent, residential.....	4,883
Transportation.....	1,757
Total.....	\$10,602

(2) Based on the appropriate components of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage change shall be determined for the 12-month period ending with the December preceding the year for which the cost-of-living adjustment will take effect, for each expenditure category specified in subdivision (a) within the following geographical areas: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, San Francisco-Oakland, San Diego, and, to the extent statistically valid information is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, additional geographical areas within the state which include not less than 80 percent of recipients of aid under this chapter.

(3) Calculate a weighted percentage change for each of the expenditure categories specified in subdivision (a) using the applicable weighting factors for each area used by the State Department of Industrial Relations to calculate the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI).

(4) Calculate a category adjustment factor for each expenditure category in subdivision (a) by (1) adding 100 to the applicable

1 weighted percentage change as determined in paragraph (2) and
2 (2) dividing the sum by 100.

3 (5) Determine the expenditure amounts for the current year by
4 multiplying each expenditure amount determined for the prior year
5 by the applicable category adjustment factor determined in
6 paragraph (4).

7 (6) Determine the overall adjustment factor by dividing (1) the
8 sum of the expenditure amounts as determined in paragraph (4)
9 for the current year by (2) the sum of the expenditure amounts as
10 determined in subdivision (d) for the prior year.

11 (b) The overall adjustment factor determined by the preceding
12 computation steps shall be multiplied by the schedules established
13 pursuant to Section 11452 and subdivision (a) of Section 11450
14 as are in effect during the month of June preceding the fiscal year
15 in which the adjustments are to occur and the product rounded to
16 the nearest dollar. The resultant amounts shall constitute the new
17 schedules which shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

18 (c) (1) No adjustment to the maximum aid payment set forth
19 in subdivision (a) of Section 11450 shall be made under this section
20 for the purpose of increasing the benefits under this chapter for
21 the 1990–91, 1991–92, 1992–93, 1993–94, 1994–95, 1995–96,
22 1996–97, and 1997–98 fiscal years, and through October 31, 1998,
23 to reflect any change in the cost of living. For the 1998–99 fiscal
24 year, the cost of living adjustment that would have been provided
25 on July 1, 1998, pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be made on
26 November 1, 1998. No adjustment to the maximum aid payment
27 set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 11450 shall be made under
28 this section for the purpose of increasing the benefits under this
29 chapter for the 2005–06 and 2006–07 fiscal years to reflect any
30 change in the cost-of-living. Elimination of the cost-of-living
31 adjustment pursuant to this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements
32 of Section 11453.05, and no further reduction shall be made
33 pursuant to that section.

34 (2) No adjustment to the minimum basic standard of adequate
35 care set forth in Section 11452 shall be made under this section
36 for the purpose of increasing the benefits under this chapter for
37 the 1990–91 and 1991–92 fiscal years to reflect any change in the
38 cost of living.

39 (3) In any fiscal year commencing with the 2000–01 fiscal year
40 to the 2003–04 fiscal year, inclusive, when there is any increase

1 in tax relief pursuant to the applicable paragraph of subdivision
2 (a) of Section 10754 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, then the
3 increase pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall occur. In
4 any fiscal year commencing with the 2000–01 fiscal year to the
5 2003–04 fiscal year, inclusive, when there is no increase in tax
6 relief pursuant to the applicable paragraph of subdivision (a) of
7 Section 10754 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, then any
8 increase pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be
9 suspended.

10 (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an adjustment to the
11 maximum aid payments set forth in subdivision (a) of Section
12 11450 shall be made under this section for the 2002–03 fiscal year,
13 but the adjustment shall become effective June 1, 2003.

14 (5) No adjustment to the maximum aid payment set forth in
15 subdivision (a) of Section 11450 shall be made under this section
16 for the purpose of increasing benefits under this chapter for the
17 2007–08 and 2008–09 fiscal years.

18 (6) *No adjustment to the maximum aid payments set forth in*
19 *subdivision (a) of Section 11450 shall be made for the 2009–10*
20 *fiscal year.*

21 (d) For the 2004–05 fiscal year, the adjustment to the maximum
22 aid payment set forth in subdivision (a) shall be suspended for
23 three months commencing on the first day of the first month
24 following the effective date of the act adding this subdivision.

25 (e) Adjustments for subsequent fiscal years pursuant to this
26 section shall not include any adjustments for any fiscal year in
27 which the cost of living was suspended pursuant to subdivision
28 (c).

29 *SEC. 4. Section 12201 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
30 *amended to read:*

31 12201. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), the payment
32 schedules set forth in Section 12200 shall be adjusted annually to
33 reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living. Except as
34 provided in subdivision (e), these adjustments shall become
35 effective January 1 of each year. The cost-of-living adjustment
36 shall be based on the changes in the California Necessities Index,
37 which as used in this section shall be the weighted average of
38 changes for food, clothing, fuel, utilities, rent, and transportation
39 for low-income consumers. The computation of annual adjustments

in the California Necessities Index shall be made in accordance with the following steps:

(1) The base period expenditure amounts for each expenditure category within the California Necessities Index used to compute the annual grant adjustment are:

Food.....	\$ 3,027
Clothing (apparel and upkeep).....	406
Fuel and other utilities.....	529
Rent, residential.....	4,883
Transportation.....	1,757
Total.....	\$10,602

(2) Based on the appropriate components of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage change shall be determined for the 12-month period which ends 12 months prior to the January in which the cost-of-living adjustment will take effect, for each expenditure category specified in paragraph (1) within the following geographical areas: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, San Francisco-Oakland, San Diego, and, to the extent statistically valid information is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, additional geographical areas within the state which include not less than 80 percent of recipients of aid under this chapter.

(3) Calculate a weighted percentage change for each of the expenditure categories specified in subdivision (a) using the applicable weighting factors for each area used by the State Department of Industrial Relations to calculate the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI).

(4) Calculate a category adjustment factor for each expenditure category in paragraph (1) by (1) adding 100 to the applicable weighted percentage change as determined in paragraph (2) and (2) dividing the sum by 100.

(5) Determine the expenditure amounts for the current year by multiplying each expenditure amount determined for the prior year by the applicable category adjustment factor determined in paragraph (4).

(6) Determine the overall adjustment factor by dividing (1) the sum of the expenditure amounts as determined in paragraph (4) for the current year by (2) the sum of the expenditure amounts as determined in paragraph (4) for the prior year.

(b) The overall adjustment factor determined by the preceding computational steps shall be multiplied by the payment schedules established pursuant to Section 12200 as are in effect during the month of December preceding the calendar year in which the adjustments are to occur, and the product rounded to the nearest dollar. The resultant amounts shall constitute the new schedules for the categories given under subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 12200, and shall be filed with the Secretary of State. The amount as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 12200 shall be adjusted annually pursuant to this section in the event that the secretary agrees to administer payment under that subdivision. The payment schedule for subdivision (i) of Section 12200 shall be computed as specified, based on the new payment schedules for subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 12200.

(c) The department shall adjust any amounts of aid under this chapter to insure that the minimum level required by the Social Security Act in order to maintain eligibility for funds under Title XIX of that act is met.

(d) (1) No adjustment shall be made under this section for the 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, ~~and~~ 2009, *and 2010* calendar years to reflect any change in the cost of living. Elimination of the cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements of Section 12201.05, and no further reduction shall be made pursuant to that section.

(2) Any cost-of-living adjustment granted under this section for any calendar year shall not include adjustments for any calendar year in which the cost of living was suspended pursuant to paragraph (1).

(e) For the 2003 calendar year, the adjustment required by this section shall become effective June 1, 2003.

(f) For the 2005 calendar year, the adjustment required by this section shall become effective April 1, 2005.

(g) (1) Commencing with the ~~2010~~ 2011 calendar year and in each calendar year thereafter, the annual adjustment required by this section shall be effective June 1 of that calendar year.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the pass along of federal benefits provided for in Section 12201.05 shall be effective on January 1 of each calendar year.

SEC. 5. *Section 12201.05 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:*

12201.05. (a) ~~Commencing~~—(1) *Except as provided in paragraph (2), commencing with the 2004 calendar year, and thereafter, in any calendar year in which no cost-of-living adjustment is made pursuant to Section 12201, the payment schedules set forth in Sections 12200, 13920, and 13921, as adjusted pursuant to Section 12201, shall include the pass along of any cost-of-living increases in federal benefits under Subchapter 16 (commencing with Section 1381) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code, except that for the 2006 calendar year, the federal pass along shall not become effective until April 1, 2006. This delay shall not apply to those persons receiving payments pursuant to subdivisions (e), (g), and (h) of Section 12200.*

(2) *Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for the 2009 calendar year, the federal pass along shall be eliminated commencing April 1, 2009. This paragraph shall not apply to those persons receiving payments pursuant to subdivisions (e), (g), and (h) of Section 12200.*

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 12201, any adjustments made pursuant to this section to reflect the ~~pass-along~~ pass along of federal cost-of-living adjustments shall be included in the base amounts for purposes of determining cost-of-living adjustments made pursuant to Section 12201.

SEC. 6. (a) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to implement changes in the level of funding for regional center purchase of services, regional centers shall reduce payments for services and supports provided pursuant to Title 14 (commencing with section 95000) of the Government Code and Division 4.1 (commencing with section 4400) and Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. From February 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, inclusive, regional centers shall reduce all payments for these services and supports paid from purchase of services funds for services delivered on or after February 1, 2009, by 3 percent, unless the regional center demonstrates that a nonreduced payment is necessary to protect the health and safety of the individual for whom the services and*

1 supports are proposed to be purchased, and the State Department
2 of Developmental Services has granted prior written approval.

3 (b) Regional centers shall not reduce payments pursuant to
4 subdivision (a) for the following:

5 (1) Supported employment services with rates set by Section
6 4860 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

7 (2) Services with “usual and customary” rates established
8 pursuant to Section 57210 of Title 17 of the California Code of
9 Regulations.

10 (3) Payments to offset reductions in Supplemental Security
11 Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits for
12 consumers receiving supported and independent living services.

13 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to
14 implement changes in the level of funding appropriated for regional
15 centers, the department shall amend regional center contracts to
16 adjust regional center budgets accordingly for the 2008–09 fiscal
17 year. The contract amendments and budget adjustments shall be
18 exempt from the provisions of Article 1 (commencing with Section
19 4620) of Chapter 5 of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions
20 Code.

21 SEC. 7. This act shall become operative only if the following
22 bills of the 2009–10 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
23 are chaptered:

24 (a) Assembly Bill 2 or Senate Bill 2.

25 (b) Assembly Bill 9 or Senate Bill 9.

26 SEC. 8. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by
27 the Governor by proclamation on December 1, 2008, pursuant to
28 subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California
29 Constitution.

30 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory~~
31 ~~changes relating to the Budget Act of 2008.~~

32 ~~SEC. 2. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by~~
33 ~~the Governor by proclamation on December 1, 2008, pursuant to~~
34 ~~subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California~~
35 ~~Constitution.~~

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