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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 273**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rendon**

February 7, 2013

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An act to add Section 8242 to the Education Code, relating to child care and development services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 273, as amended, Rendon. Child care and development services: California Partnership for Infants and Toddlers Act of 2013.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, establishes a system of child care and development services for children from infancy to 13 years of age and their parents, including a full range of supervision, health, and support services through full- and part-time programs. Existing law requires the Superintendent to administer general child care and development programs, as specified.

This bill would enact the California Partnership for Infants and Toddlers Act of 2013, and would require the Superintendent, by March 1, 2014, to apply to the California Children and Families Commission for funding from the ~~funds moneys~~ received by the commission ~~from pursuant to the federal Quality Early Learning for Our Youngest Children program~~ *California Children and Families Program*. The bill would *continuously* appropriate these ~~funds moneys~~ to the Superintendent, who would be required to expend those moneys by making supplemental grants available to qualifying general child care

and development infant and toddler contracting agencies *that serve infants and toddlers from birth to 3 years of age for purposes of offering to enrolled children and families support services, as specified.* The Superintendent, in consultation ~~from~~ *with* the California Children and Families Commission, would be required to determine the agencies *and support services* that qualify for funding and establish standards to ensure quality *child care*.

The bill would require the Superintendent, by ~~January 1, 2018~~ *March 1, 2017*, to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the act.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
 2 following:

3 (a) The first three years of life are a period of dynamic and  
 4 unparalleled brain development in which children acquire the  
 5 ability to think, speak, learn, and reason. During these first 36  
 6 months, children need good health, strong families, and positive  
 7 early learning experiences to lay the foundation for later school  
 8 success. Low-income infants and toddlers are at greater risk for a  
 9 variety of poorer outcomes and vulnerabilities, such as later school  
 10 failure, learning disabilities, ~~behavior~~ *behavioral* problems,  
 11 developmental delay, and health impairments.

12 (b) Existing state law requires the Superintendent of Public  
 13 Instruction to administer ~~child care and development~~ *early learning*  
 14 *and care* programs, including ~~the General Child Care and~~  
 15 ~~Development program~~ *general child care and development*  
 16 *programs* that ~~provides~~ *provide* services to eligible low-income  
 17 children from birth to 12 years of age, *inclusive*. For children from  
 18 birth to three years ~~old of age~~, the ~~General Child Care and~~  
 19 ~~Development program~~ *funds general child care and development*  
 20 *programs* fund centers and family child care home networks to  
 21 provide full-day, full-year ~~child care and development~~ *early*  
 22 *learning and care* services that meet the State Department of  
 23 Education’s California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development  
 24 Foundations.

25 (c) The federal Early Head Start program serves low-income  
 26 infants and toddlers with a ~~flexible~~ *comprehensive* program model

1 intended to meet the varied needs of families, including ~~child care~~  
2 ~~and development~~ *early learning and care* services, home visitation  
3 services, health services, and family engagement. Research shows  
4 that children who participated in Early Head Start had a  
5 significantly larger ~~vocabularies~~ *vocabulary* and scored higher on  
6 standardized measures of cognitive development, that *those*  
7 children and *their* parents had more positive interactions, and *that*  
8 *the* parents provided more support for learning. Many different  
9 home visitation programs have been shown to significantly reduce  
10 the occurrence of child maltreatment and abuse; and improve  
11 children's health and school success.

12 (d) President Barack Obama, in his 2013 State of the Union  
13 address, announced a major new initiative to increase federal  
14 funding for early childhood education. This initiative includes a  
15 competitive federal grant for states and local communities to  
16 establish partnerships between Early Head Start and quality child  
17 care.

18 (e) To improve the healthy development and school readiness  
19 of California's most vulnerable children and to increase  
20 California's competitiveness for federal funding, it is the intent of  
21 the Legislature to enact legislation to establish the California  
22 Partnership for Infants and Toddlers supplemental grant. The  
23 Partnership for Infants and Toddlers supplemental grant will  
24 provide voluntary funding for the contracting agencies of ~~the~~  
25 ~~General Child Care and Development program~~ *general child care*  
26 *and development programs* who serve infants and toddlers.

27 (f) ~~The funds authorized by this act will be used to offer enrolled~~  
28 ~~children and families with support services, including, but not~~  
29 ~~limited to, health and nutrition, home visitation, early childhood~~  
30 ~~mental health, family engagement, and supplemental early learning~~  
31 ~~services.~~

32 (g) ~~This act will provide local contractors with flexibility to~~  
33 ~~tailor which support services to offer based on the unique needs~~  
34 ~~of their community, families, and children.~~

35 (h) ~~By having the Superintendent of Public Instruction~~  
36 ~~administer the grant, administrative and reporting requirements~~  
37 ~~by contracting agencies will be both minimized and simplified.~~

38 SEC. 2. Section 8242 is added to the Education Code, to read:

39 8242. (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as  
40 the California Partnership for Infants and Toddlers Act of 2013.

1     (b) ~~On or before March 1, 2014, the~~ *The* Superintendent shall  
2 apply to the California Children and Families Commission ~~from~~  
3 ~~for the funding moneys~~ received by the commission ~~from the~~  
4 ~~federal Quality Early Learning for Our Youngest Children program,~~  
5 ~~as authorized pursuant to Section 9840a of Title 42 of the United~~  
6 ~~States Code pursuant to the California Children and Families~~  
7 ~~Program (Division 108 (commencing with Section 130100) of the~~  
8 ~~Health and Safety Code), to provide funds moneys~~ to eligible  
9 agencies for purposes of the California Partnership for Infants and  
10 Toddlers Act of 2013. The Superintendent shall apply for funding  
11 ~~on or before March 1, 2014, with the option of renewing the grant~~  
12 ~~funding on an annual basis, that would implement the supplemental~~  
13 ~~grant program authorized by this section for a period of not less~~  
14 ~~than three years.~~

15     (c) ~~The funds~~ *(1) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the*  
16 *Government Code, the moneys* received by the Superintendent  
17 pursuant to subdivision (b) are hereby *continuously* appropriated  
18 to the Superintendent, who shall expend those moneys by making  
19 supplemental grants available to qualifying general child care and  
20 development infant and toddler contracting agencies, ~~as determined~~  
21 ~~by the Superintendent, agencies that serve infants and toddlers~~  
22 ~~from birth to three years of age~~ at an amount of not less than two  
23 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) *annually* per child.

24     (2) *The moneys received pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be*  
25 *used to offer to enrolled children and families support services,*  
26 *including, but not limited to, health and nutrition, home visitation,*  
27 *early childhood mental health, parental involvement, and*  
28 *supplemental early learning services.*

29     (d) The Superintendent, in consultation ~~from~~ *with* the California  
30 Children and Families Commission, shall determine which general  
31 child care and development infant and toddler contracting agencies  
32 *and support services* qualify for funding pursuant to this section,  
33 and shall establish standards to ensure quality *child care*, based  
34 on the federal Early Head Start program model, and other ~~evidence~~  
35 ~~based evidence-based~~ services provided to infants and toddlers.

36     (e) *(1) Contracting agencies shall have the flexibility to tailor*  
37 *which support services to offer based on the unique needs of their*  
38 *community, families, and children.*

1 (2) *The Superintendent shall minimize and simplify the*  
2 *administrative and reporting requirements for contracting*  
3 *agencies.*

4 (e)

5 (f) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government  
6 Code, on or before ~~January 1, 2018~~ *March 1, 2017*, the  
7 Superintendent shall submit a report to the Legislature evaluating  
8 the effectiveness of the supplemental grants provided by the  
9 California Partnership for Infants and Toddlers Act of 2013 with  
10 regard to supporting the healthy development and school readiness  
11 of children.

12 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall  
13 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
14 Code.

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