

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 492**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez**

February 23, 2015

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An act to amend Section 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalWORKs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 492, as introduced, Gonzalez. CalWORKs: eligibility.

Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals. Existing law requires that aid, services, or both, be granted, subject to certain requirements, to families with related children under 18 years of age, except as provided, in need of aid or services because they have been deprived of parental support or care due to specified circumstances, including the unemployment of a parent or parents.

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 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 11250. Aid, services, or both shall be granted under ~~the~~
- 4 ~~provisions~~ of this chapter, and subject to the regulations of the

1 department, to families with related children under ~~the age of~~ 18  
2 years *of age*, except as provided in Section 11253, in need thereof  
3 because they have been deprived of parental support or care due  
4 ~~to~~ *to any of the following circumstances:*

5 (a) The death, physical or mental incapacity, or incarceration  
6 of a parent.

7 (b) The unemployment of a parent or parents.

8 (c) Continued absence of a parent from the home due to divorce,  
9 separation, desertion, or any other reason, except absence  
10 occasioned solely by reason of the performance of active duty in  
11 the uniformed services of the United States. "Continued absence"  
12 exists when the nature of the absence is such as either to interrupt  
13 or to terminate the parent's functioning as a provider of  
14 maintenance, physical care, or guidance for the child, and the  
15 known or indefinite duration of the absence precludes counting  
16 on the parent's performance of the function of planning for the  
17 present support or care of the child. If these conditions exist, the  
18 parent may be absent for any reason, and may have left only  
19 recently or some time previously.