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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1930

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey

February 12, 2016

An act to add and repeal Section 12335 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1930, as amended, Lackey. In-home supportive services: family caregivers: advisory committee.

Existing law provides for the county-administered In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with supportive services in order to permit them to remain in their own homes and avoid institutionalization. Existing law provides that a person who is the parent or a spouse of a recipient of those services shall be paid for providing specified services to the recipient through the program.

This bill—would would, until January 1, 2019, establish the In-Home Supportive Services Family Caregiver Benefits Advisory Committee, as specified, for the purpose of studying the impact of the denial of state unemployment insurance benefits and federal Medicare and Social Security benefits on individuals who provide the supportive services described in this article to a spouse or as the parent of a recipient child. The bill would require the advisory committee to submit a peer-reviewed report to the Legislature, as specified, on or before January 1, 2018.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 12335 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

- 12335. (a) There is established the In-Home Supportive Services Family Caregiver Benefits Advisory Committee, for the purpose of studying the impact of the denial of state unemployment insurance *benefits* and federal Medicare and Social Security benefits on the lives and communities of individuals who provide the supportive services described in this article to a spouse or as the parent of a recipient child.
- (b) The advisory committee shall be comprised of not more than nine individuals, and shall include representatives from the following groups:
- (1) Policy experts on relevant issues, including, but not limited to, Social Security, Medicare, California state unemployment insurance, retirement insecurity, economic inequality, and poverty among seniors in California.
- (2) Representatives involved with the IHSS program on behalf of-a county-governments.
- (3) Representatives involved with the IHSS program on behalf of IHSS public authorities.

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(4) Individuals who are current providers of personal assistance services funded as in-home supportive services pursuant to this article and who are a parent or spouse of the person receiving those services.

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(5) Individuals who are current or past consumers of personal assistance services provided through the IHSS program.

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- (6) Individuals from labor organizations that represent IHSS providers.
- (c) The Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall each appoint three members of the advisory committee. Prior to appointing members to the advisory committee, the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall consult with labor organizations that represent IHSS providers regarding the appointments.

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1 (d) On or before January 1, 2018, the advisory committee shall 2 provide a report to the Senate Committee on Human Services, the 3 Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, the 4 Assembly Committee on Human Services, and the Assembly 5 Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. The report shall include 6 recommendations on steps the state can take to ensure that all IHSS 7 providers who provide supportive services to a spouse or child 8 have access to federal Medicare and Social Security benefits as well as state unemployment insurance benefits. Prior to submission 10 of the report, the advisory committee shall arrange for peer review of the study by an academic entity with expertise in the subject 11 12 matter of the report.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

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