

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2608

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 10531 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalWORKs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2608, as introduced, Chu. CalWORKs: county plans.

Existing law establishes 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 using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, state, and county funds. Existing law requires each county to develop a plan, updated as needed, that describes how the county intends to deliver the full range of activities and services necessary to move CalWORKs recipients from welfare to work, and specifies elements that must be included in the plan. Existing law requires each county, no later than September 1, 1998, and each year thereafter, subject to continued welfare-to-work funding, to submit an addendum to the county's plan that describes certain coordination efforts of the county pertaining to welfare-to-work activities.

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:

SECTION 1. Section 10531 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

10531. Each county shall develop a plan consistent with state law that describes how the county intends to deliver the full range of activities and services necessary to move CalWORKs recipients from welfare to work. The plan shall be updated as needed. The plan shall describe:

(a) How the county will collaborate with other public and private agencies to provide for all necessary training, and support services.

(b) The county's partnerships with the private sector, including employers and employer associations, and how those partnerships will identify jobs for CalWORKs program recipients.

(c) Other means *that* the county will use to identify local labor market needs.

(d) The range of welfare-to-work activities *that* the county will offer recipients and the identification of any allowable activities that will not be offered.

(e) The process *that* the county will use to provide for the availability of substance abuse and mental health treatment services.

(f) The process *that* the county will use to provide for child care and transportation services.

(g) The county's community service plan.

(h) How the county will provide training of county workers responsible for working with CalWORKs recipients who are victims of domestic violence.

(i) The performance outcomes identified during the local planning process that the county or other local agencies will track in order to measure the extent to which the county's program meets locally established objectives.

(j) The means *that* the county used to provide broad public input to the development of the county's plan.

(k) A budget that specifies the source and expenditures of funds for the program.

(l) How the county will assist families that are transitioning off aid.

(m) All necessary components of the job creation plan required by *former* Section 15365.55 of the Government Code in counties

1 that choose to implement the program described in *former* Chapter
2 1.12 (commencing with Section 15365.50) of Part 6.7 of Division
3 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

4 (n) Other elements identified by the director, in consultation
5 with the steering committee under Section ~~10544.5~~, *10544.317*,
6 including elements related to the performance outcomes listed in
7 Sections 10540 and 10541.

8 (o) How the county will comply with federal requirements of
9 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (Part A
10 (commencing with Section 601) of Subchapter 4 of Chapter 7 of
11 Title 42 of the United States Code).

12 (p) How the county will coordinate welfare-to-work activities
13 with the local private industry councils or alternate administrative
14 entities designated by the Governor to administer local
15 welfare-to-work programs, including the expenditure of state or
16 other matching funds provided to the county welfare department
17 for welfare-to-work activities. No later than September 1, 1998,
18 and each year thereafter, subject to continued welfare-to-work
19 funding, each county shall submit an addendum to its plan required
20 under this section that describes its coordination efforts.