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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 9**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Goldsmith, Alby, Baldwin,  
Bordonaro, Bowler, Conroy, Harvey, Hoge, House,  
Morrow, Rainey, Richter, Rogan, and Setencich**  
(Coauthors: Senators Haynes, Hurtt, Johannessen, Kelley,  
Lewis, Leslie, and Russell)

December 5, 1994

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An act to ~~amend Sections 17000 and 17107 of, to add Section 17000.1 to, and to repeal Sections 17000.5, 17000.6, 17001, 17001.5, 17020, 17030, and 17030.1 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to general assistance.~~ *relating to public social services.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 9, as amended, Goldsmith. ~~County general assistance programs~~ *AFDC: restricted payments.*

*Existing law provides for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, pursuant to which qualified families are provided with cash assistance. The AFDC program is administered and partially funded by the counties. The AFDC program is partially funded by federal*

participation and is subject to federal requirements for federal participation. Existing law provides for payment of aid under the AFDC program on a restricted payment basis, in certain circumstances.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by May 1, 1997, on various factors in the implementation of statutory provisions for restricted payments of aid under the AFDC program.

~~Existing law requires each county to relieve and support its indigent persons who are not supported by other means, with these programs being commonly referred to as county general assistance programs.~~

~~This bill would make the support of indigent persons subject to the sole discretion of the county, including those persons who have become ineligible for either a state or federally funded assistance program.~~

~~The bill would also recast the authorization for counties to establish policies with reference to the amount of property those persons are permitted to have to specifically include cash and other belongings.~~

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. It is the intent of the Legislature that this~~
- 2 *SECTION 1. (a) No later than May 1, 1997, the State*
- 3 *Department of Social Services shall report to the*
- 4 *appropriate committees of the Legislature on the*
- 5 *implementation of Chapter 838 of the Statutes of 1995.*
- 6 *(b) The report required by subdivision (a) shall*
- 7 *contain all of the following:*
- 8 *(1) The number of AFDC recipients and the number*
- 9 *of children in the family groups who were placed on*
- 10 *restricted payments pursuant to Chapter 838 of the*
- 11 *Statutes of 1995.*
- 12 *(2) A list of the counties that elected to provide*
- 13 *restricted payments pursuant to Chapter 838 of the*
- 14 *Statutes of 1995.*



1 (3) A breakdown, by county, of the number of persons  
2 who were placed on restricted payments pursuant to  
3 Chapter 838 of the Statutes of 1995.

4 (4) A breakdown of the recipients of restricted  
5 payments made to landlords and to utility companies  
6 pursuant to Chapter 838 of the Statutes of 1995.

7 ~~act does not create any new mandates on local~~  
8 ~~governments beyond those in existence on July 1, 1995.~~

9 SEC. 2. ~~Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
10 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

11 ~~17000. Notwithstanding Section 17000.1, every~~  
12 ~~county and every city and county shall provide only~~  
13 ~~medical services necessary for the treatment of acute~~  
14 ~~life-threatening or limb-threatening conditions to those~~  
15 ~~persons, lawfully resident therein, who meet the~~  
16 ~~eligibility requirements for financial assistance under this~~  
17 ~~part, that were applicable on December 31, 1996, when~~  
18 ~~that medical care is not otherwise provided to those~~  
19 ~~persons by their relatives or friends, by any state-funded~~  
20 ~~or federally funded public medical or social services~~  
21 ~~program, by state hospitals, by private hospitals pursuant~~  
22 ~~to Section 1317 of the Health and Safety Code, or by other~~  
23 ~~state or private institutions.~~

24 SEC. 3. ~~Section 17000.1 is added to the Welfare and~~  
25 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

26 ~~17000.1. (a) Every county and every city and county~~  
27 ~~may, in its sole discretion, financially support indigent~~  
28 ~~persons, lawfully resident therein, when those persons~~  
29 ~~are not supported, in whole or in part, by their relatives~~  
30 ~~or friends, by their own means, by any state or federally~~  
31 ~~funded public social services program, or by state or~~  
32 ~~private institutions.~~

33 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the~~  
34 ~~type, amount, and level of relief and support, including~~  
35 ~~in-kind aid if any, provided pursuant to this section shall~~  
36 ~~be determined by the board of supervisors in its sole~~  
37 ~~discretion.~~

38 ~~(c) Any person rendered ineligible either for a state or~~  
39 ~~federally funded assistance program or for a state or~~  
40 ~~federally funded public social services program due to~~



1 ~~changes after July 1, 1995, in the eligibility or~~  
2 ~~programmatic requirements of the program shall not be~~  
3 ~~eligible for aid pursuant to this section, except as~~  
4 ~~otherwise determined by the board of supervisors.~~

5 ~~(d) Any person whose state or federally funded~~  
6 ~~assistance or whose state or federally funded public social~~  
7 ~~services have been reduced, discontinued, or suspended,~~  
8 ~~on either a permanent or temporary basis, shall not be~~  
9 ~~eligible for aid pursuant to this section, except as~~  
10 ~~otherwise determined by the board of supervisors in its~~  
11 ~~sole discretion.~~

12 ~~SEC. 4. Section 17000.5 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
13 ~~Code is repealed.~~

14 ~~SEC. 5. Section 17000.6 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
15 ~~Code is repealed.~~

16 ~~SEC. 6. Section 17001 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
17 ~~Code is repealed.~~

18 ~~SEC. 7. Section 17001.5 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
19 ~~Code is repealed.~~

20 ~~SEC. 8. Section 17020 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
21 ~~Code is repealed.~~

22 ~~SEC. 9. Section 17030 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
23 ~~Code is repealed.~~

24 ~~SEC. 10. Section 17030.1 of the Welfare and~~  
25 ~~Institutions Code is repealed.~~

26 ~~SEC. 11. Section 17107 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
27 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

28 ~~17107. The board of supervisors may establish its own~~  
29 ~~policies with reference to the amount of property, cash,~~  
30 ~~or other belongings, if any, that a person shall be~~  
31 ~~permitted to have while receiving assistance, to the end~~  
32 ~~that, so far as it is possible, an applicant for aid under this~~  
33 ~~part shall be required to apply his or her own property,~~  
34 ~~cash, or other belongings to his or her support prior to~~  
35 ~~receiving any aid under this part.~~

