



Proposed Agenda

May 13, 2015 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 Hahn Hall of Administration ♦ Conference Room 743
 500 W. Temple Street ♦ Los Angeles

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
10:00	1. Welcome and Introductions a. Comments from the Chair b. Review of April Minutes Action Item c. New Appointee Welcome d. Call for Nominating Committee e. Retreat Planning	Dora Jacildo Chair
10:30	2. Quality Rating Improvement System – (QRIS) Block Grant a. Update on QRIS efforts b. How are providers benefitting from QRIS efforts? c. LA Valley College Improvement Efforts	Renita Bowlin Jocelyn Tucker Dawn Kurtz Alexandra Himmel Liz Guerra Gary Huff-Astram
11:20	3. Public Policy a. May Revise – Child Care and Development Budget for 2015-16 b. Update on Pending State Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB 765 (Ridley-Thomas): Reimbursement Rates Action Item ▪ Others 	Maureen Diekmann Michele Sartell
11:40	4. What We Should Be Thinking About/What We Should Be Doing	Sharoni Little Vice Chair
11:55	5. Announcements and Public Comments	Members & Guests
12:00	6. Call to Adjourn	Sharoni Little

Mission Statement

The Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development builds and strengthens early care and education by providing policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems and infrastructure improvement.

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Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2015

1. Call to Order and Announcements from the Chair

Chair Dora Jacildo opened the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Following self-introductions by members and guests, Ms. Jacildo noted that today's meeting would center on a more in-depth discussion on the child care and development needs for children in foster care. At the March meeting, the challenges faced by the Department of Children and Families (DCFS) as it relates to child care and development were raised and the Board of Supervisors also took steps to support legislative clarifications regarding the status of priority access for children in foster care. Today's meeting will lay the groundwork for greater discussion and the development of actions that can be recommended by the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Roundtable). The discussion will continue at the July retreat.

As a prelude to the discussion, Ms. Jacildo requested that Dr. Jacqueline McCroskey provide the Roundtable with some historical perspective on DCFS and the department's alignment with child care and development.

Dr. McCroskey noted that over the last five years, DCFS has focused considerable attention on how it connects foster children with subsidized child care and development services. The individualized nature of the work done by social workers had not made this an easy task for DCFS. While the caseloads of Children's Social Workers (CSWs) has steadily decreased, understanding the child care and development needs of youth remains a challenge. Dr. McCroskey also commented that the Blue Ribbon Commission Report highlighted the increased numbers of very young children currently with open cases with DCFS and the need to connect them with quality child care and development programs as part of the stabilization process.

Using data collected through the Children's Data Network (www.datanetwork.org), Dr. McCroskey noted that:

- Fifteen percent (15%) of youth by age five are reported to child protection services in the state.
- Five percent (5%) of those cases are investigated.
- Three percent (3%) of cases were opened.

The data also indicated that families were not getting the assistance needed to limit their contact with child protection services. It is within this context that Dr. McCroskey suggested the discussion begin on the intersect between the foster care and child care and development systems.

2. Approval of March 11, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Duane Dennis offered a correction to the minutes by adding Pathways to the list of Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles members. Dr. Sam Chan moved approval of the April 8, 2015 minutes as corrected and Dr. Jacqueline McCroskey offered a second. The minutes were approved with Mr. Whitaker abstaining from the vote.



3. Update on the Office of Child Care

Mr. Vincent Holmes updated the Roundtable on the Chief Executive Office's (CEO) reorganization efforts. Mr. Holmes noted that the Service Integration Branch (SIB) will remain a unit of the CEO and the Office of Child Care (OCC) will remain within SIB. Mr. Holmes also noted that the vacancies within OCC are continuing to be filled and introduced Renita Bowlin who will oversee the Quality Rating and Improvement system (QRIS) efforts.

4. Legislative Update

Ms. Maureen Diekmann referred members to AB 765. The bill by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas, amended March 26, 2015, would raise the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) to provide a livable wage and benefits for employees of child development programs holding center-based and California State Preschool Program contracts with the California Department of Education/Early Education and Support Division; provide that the SRR is not intended to fund mandated costs imposed upon programs due to changes in the minimum wage and other legislative actions; and define the cost of living adjustment to be at least equal to the amount of inflation adjustments given to K-12 education programs. This bill is due to be heard by the Assembly Committee on Human Services on April 28, 2015.

Members were also referred to AB 833 (Bonta), which would re-instate the centralized eligibility list to consolidate child care waiting lists and established a statewide quality rating and improvement systems to improve the quality of early learning.

Members were further referred to AB 982 (Eggman), which would include families experiencing homelessness as part of the intended priority for child development programs and as such would extend the list of entities that can identify a child in need of services.

Ms. Tessa Charnofsky noted that the Senate will be holding hearings (April 16th) on increased reimbursement rates. Stakeholders will also be asking for additional slots as well as increases in rates.

Mr. Duane Dennis urged the Roundtable to consider how best to approach the issue of rates and spaces. He noted that the discussion of rates needs to also consider the impact of Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) and the need for additional slots as well and that the Roundtable is in an ideal position to influence the discussion. Ms. Jacildo noted the need to study these issues more critically in the coming months.

Ms. Michele Sartell also informed the Roundtable that the May Revise may have be released by the next meeting.

5. Panel Discussion on Subsidized Child Care for Children in Foster Care

Dr. Sharoni Little introduced the panel and Dr. Jennifer Hottenroth began the discussion with an overview of DCFS' current efforts related to enrolling children under their supervision to child care and development services. Dr. Hottenroth noted that the department has provided considerable training and outreach to CSWs on the benefits of early childhood education. As a result of that training, the number of dependent children enrolled in Head Start programs has increased. In addition, she noted that the department has overspent its Alternative Payment Program (APP) allotment of \$10 million by \$3 million.

Each month 200 children (under two years old) have to spend the night in one of the department's shelter care facilities due to the lack of access to child care and development services. Potential foster families are reluctant to accept children if there is no child care plan in place for the child. Dr. Hottenroth noted the need for a system that identifies openings in real time.

Ms. Helen Berberian also noted the critical importance of early childhood education in furthering the stability and health of children. Ms. Berberian noted that there has been a shift in the typical profile of a foster family. Foster parents are now comprised largely of working parents. Access to child care and development becomes critical to their ability to take in foster children.

Ms. Berberian also noted the department's concern with foster children who are also parents. As of March 9, 2015:

- There were 384 dependent youth with children
- 225 of the youth with children were participating in the AB 12 Program, which allows youth to remain in the custody of the department up to their 21st birthday.
- Twenty-one of the dependent youth were male
- The dependent youth had a total of 424 children
- Seventy-five percent of the total number of children (317) of the teen parents were not on a DCFS caseload.

Ms. Berberian noted that not being on a DCFS caseloads limits their priority for subsidized child care and development services. Consideration should be given to expanding the priority criteria to allow access to the children of foster youth. Ms. Berberian asked the Roundtable to consider how to:

1. Identify bridge funding to defray the department's costs while seeking approval for APP or other funding sources
2. Identify possible solutions that would expand the priority criteria allowing the children of current foster youth to receive priority consideration for subsidized child care and development services.

Mr. Steve Sturm also provided department-wide data on foster youth.

Total Number of DFCS Youth	35,599
Birth – 36 months	7,230
3 - 4	4,350
5	1,984
6+	22,034

Total Number of 0-5 in Foster Care (Open Court Case)	10,016
Relative care	3,708
Foster care	2,515
In-Home (Family)	4,004

Ms. Jacildo noted the need to not only consider the quantity of child care and development services for foster children, but the need to consider quality trauma-informed placements. Given the disruption in the child's life when taken from the home, and the trauma either caused in the home or as a result of the removal, early educators have to be cognizant of their role in the child's stabilization and the potential for unintentional injury when they do not consider the child's trauma. Ms. Jacildo suggested the importance of prioritizing the needs of the child in order to stabilize them. This can be a difficult and exhausting process for early educators and foster families. Given that difficulty, the mental health needs of the staff have to be considered and understood as well.

Dr. Little opened the discussion to members and posed the question: how might the Roundtable assist in pushing these issues forward?

Dr. Sam Chan noted the importance of holistically looking at the issue and its impact. Our approach to resolution should be logical, compassionate and doable.

Mr. Dennis reiterated the changing demographic picture of foster parents and that solutions would have to be based on a working family model. Mr. Dennis also noted that the Roundtable should not lose sight of the fact there is a capacity issue that has to be considered. There are not enough slots for the children that need them and additional prioritization of special groups reduces spaces for poor families.

Mr. Dennis further reminded the Roundtable that prior to DCFS' direct involvement in the AP program, child care resource and referral agencies (R&Rs) administered those funds and may have been better suited to maximize limited funding. Dr. McCroskey also noted the ability of (R&Rs) to manage child care and development needs in times of scarcity given this is their primary responsibility and within their normal scope of business.

There was discussion around the need for more targeted training to early educators. It was noted that the training needs to be integrated into the educational requirements of early childhood education staff, and that training should also include trauma-informed practices. It was further noted that these types of trainings might be useful in reducing the number of preschool expulsions that persist.

Dr. Jacquelyn Christensen noted the efforts of her organization, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, to provide training – early childhood development, managing challenging behaviors – for preschool staff.

Ms. Angela Vasquez noted the need to limit movement between child care and development facilities when children are placed in care. The stability provided by the facility may be a significant factor in reducing trauma. She also wished to reiterate the previous point made by Mr. Dennis that there absolutely is a lack of capacity to meet the county's need for early care and education, and urged the group to remember that children in the child welfare system overwhelmingly come from families living in poverty and that prioritizing them does not necessarily reduce access to poor families – it ensures access to families who are living in economic crisis, since the overwhelming majority of young children in the system are in because of neglect.

Dr. Little concluded the discussion by suggesting the Roundtable continue it at the July Retreat. It was further suggested that some thought be given to how child care and development is

administered within the County, how it is perceived by both the public and business community and how we balance the dual issues of capacity and training.

6. Public Comment and Announcements

Ms. Elsa Jacobsen noted the involvement of Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) in the Clinton Global Initiative's Commitment to Action. As a component of its partnership, LAUP will create, produce and distribute vocabulary- building cards that display open-ended questions that parents can use with their children while reading books or discussing an activity or event with the goal of improving early literacy skills of low-income children. This effort is entitled Project Goodnight Moon Time.

10. Call to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Members Attending:

Jeannette Aguirre-Carrillo, Probation Department
Sam Chan, Department of Mental Health
Duane Dennis, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Maureen Diekmann, Los Angeles Unified School District
Jennifer Hottenroth, Department of Children and Family Services
Dora Jacildo, Fourth District
Sharon Little, Second District
Dawn Kurtz, LAUP
Stacy Miller, Fifth District
Jacquelyn McCroskey, Third District
Esther Torrez, First District
John Whitaker, Fifth District

Guests Attending:

Cristina Alvarado, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Jacquelyn Christensen, LA Child Guidance Clinic
Terry Ogawa, Consultant
Robert Beck, Department of Public Social Services
Amy Mejia, Alliance for Children's Rights
Steve Sturm, Department of Children and Family Services
Young-Ji Lee, First 5 LA
Tessa Charnofsky, First 5 LA
Elsa Jacobsen, LAUP
Sharon Green, California Department of Social Services
Angela Vasquez, Advancement Project
Jennifer Jones, Advancement Project
Jessenia Reyes, Advancement Project
Dianne Philibosian, Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing/CSUN
Genie Chough, Third District Deputy

Staff:

Vincent Holmes

Michele Sartell

Renita Bowlin

Jocelyn Tucker



LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE – FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2015-16

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 5/13/15)
California Assembly Bills								
1	AB 47 (McCarty)	<i>Would require, on or before January 1, 2017, that all eligible children have access to the state preschool program the year before they enter kindergarten, if their parents wish to enroll them. Would state intent of the Legislature to provide sufficient funding in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.</i>	Early Edge California	Bryan Singh 916.319.2007		Advancement Project, CA Catholic Conference, CFT, CA State PTA, Children Now (prior version), Compton USD, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids CA, First 5 CA, First 5 Fresno Co, First 5 Santa Clara Co, Jumpstart: LAUP, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, LA Urban League, NASW-CA Chapter, and more	CA Right to Life Committee, Inc.	Introduced: 12/1/14 Amended: 4/22/15 Amended: 5/6/15 Committee on Appropriations
	AB 53 (Garcia)	Would require properly securing a child under 2 years of age in an appropriate rear facing child safety seat, <i>unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches in height</i> , while the child is riding in a motor vehicle while transported by a parent, legal guardian or other driver.				AAP-CA, American College of Emergency Physicians – CA Chapter, CA Association of Highway Patrolmen, Early Edge CA, El Camino Children and Family Services Inc., Nat'l Safety Council, Nationwide Insurance, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Personal Insurance Federation of CA, Zero to Three-Western Office		Introduced: 12/1/14 Amended: 4/14/15 In Senate Committee on Rules
1	AB 74 (Calderon)	Would require the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to conduct annual unannounced inspections of licensed facilities, including child care centers and family child care homes, as of 1/1/18. Specifies incremental steps to increasing the percent of facilities subject to annual unannounced inspections to no less than 30 percent of facilities by 7/1/16, no less than 40 percent of facilities by 7/1/17 and then each year by 1/1/18. Fiscal effect: \$20 million ongoing		Kelsy Castillo 916.319.2057		AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CA Commission on Aging, Advancement Project, CAPP, CA Assisted Living Assoc (CALA), CCCRRN, CA Retired Teachers Association (CaRTA), CCALA, Children Now, Early Edge CA, First 5 CA, LAUP, Special Needs Network (SNN), and more		Introduced: 1/6/15 Amended: 4/7/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

* Levels of interest are assigned by the Joint Committee on Legislation based on consistency with the Public Policy Platform accepted by the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development and consistent with County Legislative Policy for the current year. Levels of interest do **not** indicate a pursuit of position in either direction. The Joint Committee will continue to monitor all listed bills as proceed through the legislative process. Levels of interest may change based on future amendments.

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Watch	AB 148 (Holden)	Would place a ballot measure entitled K-14 School Investment Bond of 2016 before the voters at a statewide 2016 election. Revises the requirements for construction and modernization of school facilities. Included are allowances for joint use agreements for early childhood education and child care centers. <i>Amendments mostly technical.</i>				County School Facilities Consortium		Introduced: 1/15/15 Amended: 3/26/14 Amended: 5/6/15 Committee on Appropriations
Watch	AB 188 (Garcia)	Would amend Education Code to allow agencies contracting with the CDE for the Alternative Payment (AP) Program to be reimbursed for making eligibility determinations at a rate of three percent of the total contract amount. Fiscal effect: unknown	CAPPA	Vivian Ericson 916.319.2058		CAPPA Children's Foundation, Child Care Links, Child Dev Assoc, Inc., Controltec, Inc., MAOF, and more		Introduced: 1/27/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
Watch	AB 233 (Lopez)	Would amend existing sections of the California Education Code pertaining to child care and development services under the Alternative Payment Program contracted by the CDE. Among amendments are 1) authorizing funds to be used to allow for maximum parental access as well as choice; 2) <i>requiring that subsequent to enrollment, a child be deemed eligible for services for a period of 12 months</i> ; 3) deleting requirement for tracking absences; and 4) authorizing providers to collect family fees. Fiscal effect: unknown	CAPPA	Kristi Lopez 916.319-2039		One individual		Introduced: 2/4/15 Amended: 4/9/15 Amended: 5/6/15 Committee on Appropriations

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Watch (need more information)	AB 271 (Obernolte)	Would authorize CDE-contracted programs, including <i>AP Programs and providers</i> , to maintain any records electronically, <i>in compliance of state and federal standards as determined by the CDE</i> , regardless of whether the original documents were created in electronic format and to retain a case record using either electronic or other alternative storage technologies. In addition, would authorize AP Programs and providers to use an electronic signature. Fiscal effect: unknown	CAPPA	Justin Heyer 916.319.2033		CAPPA Children's Foundation, Child Care Links, Child Dev Assoc, Inc., Community Child Care Council (4C's) of Alameda County, Controltec, Inc., MAOF, Supportive Services, Inc. and more		Introduced: 2/10/15 Amended: 4/7/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
	AB 282 (Eggman)	Would make it unlawful in CA to sell corded window coverings effective 1/1/18. Would require community care or child day care facilities that serve children under 6 years of age to remove all corded window coverings or make the accessible cord inaccessible through the use of an effective passive guarding device by January 1, 2019.	Consumer Federation of America	Leah Barros 916.319.2013		Consumers Union, Kids in Danger, Parents for Window Blind Safety, Consumer Federation of CA, Consumer Action, CA Public Interest Research Group, Independent Safety Consulting	Window Covering Manufacturers Association	Introduced: 2/11/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Amended: 4/22/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/13/15
Watch	AB 427 (Weber)	Would exclude from income the amount of the basic allowance for housing provided to an individual who is on federal active duty, state active duty, active duty for special work, or Active Guard and Reserve duty in the military equal to the lowest rate of the allowance for the military housing area in which the individual resides for purposes of determining eligibility for child care and development services. <i>Would does not affect the priorities for federal and state subsidized child development services.</i>		Joe Kocurek 916.319.2079		AFSCME, AFL-CIO, San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), Educational Enrichment Systems, Military Child Education Coalition		Introduced: 2/19/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Amended: 5/6/15 Committee on Appropriations

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	AB 433 (Chu)	<i>Would require a deceased child to continue to be included as a member of a qualified family for the month in which his/her death occurred, and the following month under the CalWORKs program. Would prohibit sanctions imposed on parents during a defined period of grieving and require the County to assist the family with access to mental health and other services.</i>	Western Center on Law and Poverty			CAPPA, California Catholic Conference of Bishops, CA Immigrant Policy Center, Coalition of California welfare Rights Organization, Courage Campaign, Friends Committee on Legislation, NASW-CA		Introduced: 2/19/14 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/13/15
New	AB 492 (Gonzalez)	<i>Would provide that necessary CalWORKs supportive services also include vouchers in the amount of \$50 per month for diaper products for every child two years of age or younger enrolled in child care.</i>		Andrea San Miguel 916.319.2237				Introduced: 2/23/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: Cancelled
Watch	AB 589 (López)	Would require online child care job posting services to include specific information about each child care provider on the website profile or page that lists provider information, including but not limited to a description of the trustline registry and a description of the availability of free child care referrals in every county. The CDSS would be charged to responding to complaints about the website.	CCCRN	Kristi Lopez 916.319.2039				Introduced: 2/24/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: Cancelled Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection
Watch	AB 598 (Rendon)	Would amend existing law pertaining to Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHENs) by requiring that the tools used to make an assessment of family child care providers be appropriate to those settings.	CCCRN	Stacey Reardon 916.319.2063				Introduced: 2/24/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: Cancelled
New	AB 648 (Low)	Would establish the Virtual Dental Home program to expand the virtual dental home model of community-based delivery of dental care to the residents of this state who are in greatest need, including those enrolled in schools, Head Start and preschool programs.	California Dental Association, The Children's Partnership	Gina Frisby 916.319.2028		CA Dental Hygienists' Assoc, CA Primary Care Assoc, CDF-CA, LIBERTY Dental Plan of California, Inc., Maternal and Child Health Access, North County Health Services		Introduced: 2/24/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

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New	AB 713 (Weber)	Would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before he or she may be admitted to the first grade beginning with the 2017-18 school year,		Matthew Hamlett 916.319.2079			CA Right to Life, Inc., Home School Legal Defense Assoc (Virginia), Independent Private Schools of CA	Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 3/19/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
	AB 743 (Eggman)	Would create the CalWORKs Self-Sufficiency through Education and GI Bill Exemption Act of 2015. Would exempt from consideration as income, for purposes of determining CalWORKs eligibility, available income <i>or property</i> , education, training, vocation, or rehabilitation benefits provided through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for active duty personnel, veterans, and dependents, or spouses of those who died in the line of duty or have a service connected disability. Would establish exemption from time limit requirements if participating in self-initiated education and program and require supportive services, inclusive of child care, to continue during break periods. Fiscal effect: Federal/ GF ranging from \$60K to \$300K	Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. (CCWRO), Western Center on Law & Poverty (WCLP)			CAPPA, CA School Employees Association (CSEA), NASW-CA Chapter		Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 4/9/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

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1	AB 762 (Mullin)	Would require CDSS to adopt regulations, on or before January 1, 2018, to develop and implement a single integrated license for a child care center serving children from birth to kindergarten. <i>CDSS, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to adopt regulations by 1/1/18 to develop and implement the single integrated license that addresses age group transitions, and conversions of existing licenses.</i> Would repeal the provisions relating to a toddler program component effective January 1, 2018. Fiscal effect: one-time (\$210K-250K) and ongoing (\$100K-200K)	California Head Start Association (CHSA), California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)	Miriam Farouk 916.319.2022		Advancement Project, AFSCME, CAPP, CCCRRN, CA Head Start Association, CCRC, Children Now, First 5 Association of CA, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE),		Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 4/8/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
1	AB 765 (Ridley-Thomas)	<i>Would provide that the standard reimbursement rate (SRR) is not intended to fund mandated costs imposed upon child development programs due to actions of law relating to minimum wage requirements, health insurance requirements, new or increased fees, new or expanded program requirements, or other cost increases due to legislative action. In addition, would require raising the SRR as needed to provide a living wage, reasonable health insurance, and retirement benefits for employees, to support the recruitment and retention of skilled and trained teachers, to support the financial stability of programs and educational quality, and to achieve gender pay equity. Would define cost-of-living adjustment to be, among other things, at least equal to the amount of the inflation adjustments given to K-12 education programs.</i> Fiscal effect: unknown	CA Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)	Matt Canty 916.319.2054		Cal-SAFE Prog at Redwood High School, Coalition of California Welfare Rights Org, Inc., Community Action Marin Child Development Program, Extended Child Care Coalition of Sonoma County, Go Kids, Professional Association for Childhood Education, Quality Children's Services, The Advancement Project, 5 individuals		Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Appropriations

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Watch	AB 833 (Bonta)	<i>Would authorized Alameda County to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan as a pilot project to sunset until 1/1/2021. Plan to ensure that child care subsidies received by the County are used to address local needs, conditions, and priorities of working families in the community.</i>	Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council	Jacqueline Orpilla 916.319.2018		Bay Area Council, Davis Street, Early Edge CA, Ephesian Children's Center, First Five Alameda County, The Unity Council Head Start/Early Head Start Programs, Via Nova Children's School		Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Amended: 4/22/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/13/15
Watch	AB 891 (Campos)	Would give 1 st priority for enrollment in After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs to youth experiencing homelessness and 2 nd priority to students in CalWORKs assistance units and 3 rd priority enrollment, <i>for programs serving middle and junior high school pupils</i> , to pupils who attend the program daily. Would prohibit a program that charges family fees from charging a fee to a family with a youth experiencing homelessness or a family who is part of a CalWORKs assistance unit. Would require schools to provide free transportation to and from school to students entitled to free or reduced meals. Would require that a \$200 supplement to the amount of cash aid provided under the program be paid to a CalWORKs recipient 19 years of age and under upon verification of receiving a high school diploma or its equivalent. Would require the design of a youth subsidized employment program for youth 15 to 19 years of age who are eligible for benefits under this bill and require the program to provide needy youth with paid employment, occupational skills training, and other relevant services	Children's Defense Fund – CA, Western Center on Law & Poverty, National Association of Working Women, Youth Justice Coalition	Erasmus Viveros 916.319.2027		Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach, CA Catholic Conference, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Courage Campaign, InnerCity Struggle, Khmer Girls in Action, Lynwood USD, National Association of Social Workers, Our Family Coalition, PolicyLink, Success in Challenges, Youth Justice Coalition		Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 4/20/15 Committee on Appropriations

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1	AB 982 (Eggman)	Would include homeless families as part of the intended priority for child development programs. Would expand the list of entities that can identify a child in need of child care and development services to include a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, a Head Start program, or a transitional shelter. Fiscal effect: negligible	National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth	Laura Ayala 916.31.2013		Bakersfield Homeless Center, CWDA, Hamilton Family Center, Home Start , NASW-CA, NYCL, Public Counsel's Children's Rights Project, WCLP		Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 4/21/15 Committee on Appropriations To Consent Calendar
Watch	AB 1133 (Achadjian)	Would expand the definition of an eligible pupil for school-based early mental health intervention (EMHI) and prevention services to include a pupil who attends a state preschool program at a publicly funded elementary school and a pupil who is in transitional kindergarten. Would require State Public Health Officer, in consultation with the SPI and the Director of Health Care Services, to establish a 4-year pilot program to provide outreach, free regional training, and technical assistance for local educational agencies in providing mental health services at school sites. <i>Adds to findings and declarations an example of a model framework for multi-tiered systems and supports for implementing EMHI as cost effective.</i> Fiscal effect: \$315K GF	Children Now, Time for Kids	Tiffany Ryan 916.319.2035		Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors, Autism Deserves Equal Coverage, CA Alliance of Child & Family Services, CA Black Health Network, Children Now, CDF-CA, Early Edge CA, United Way of CA, & more	CA Right to Life Committee	Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

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Watch (need more information)	AB 1161 (Olsen & Atkins)	Would establish the California Preschool Investment Fund, which would authorize the CDE to accept monetary contributions to the fund for purposes of preschool education until 1/1/2021. Five counties, via application by the counties' local child care and development planning council, will be selected by the CDE/EEED based on a number of factors to be included in the pilot. The CDE to develop a system for accepting monetary contributions to the program and to allocate credits to contributors on a first-come, first-served basis. The aggregate amount of credit shall not exceed \$250 million for each calendar year. Fiscal effect: significant		Allison Wescott 916.319.2012		California Catholic Conference, First 5 Association of California, Junior Leagues of California, the State Public Affairs Committee	AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CFT	Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
Watch	AB 1207 (Lopez)	Would amend existing law pertaining to mandated child abuse reporting by requiring child care licensee applicants to take training in the duties of mandated reporters under the child abuse reporting laws as a condition of licensure, and a child care administrators or employees of a licensed child care facilities to take the training during the first six weeks of employment by the facility. Training to include, but not be limited to, training in child abuse and neglect identification and child abuse and neglect reporting. Fiscal effect: Minor	Child Care Law Center	Kristi Lopez 916.319.2039		AFSCME, CA Child Care Health Program, CCLC, Health Officers Association of CA, NASW-CA Chapter, Public Counsel		Introduced: 2/27/15 In Senate Committee on Rules
Spot bill	AB 1314 (Thurmond)	Would express intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would improve access to early care and education programs for working families.						Introduced: 2/27/15

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	AB 1387 (Chu)	<i>Would delete the requirement that moneys collected from the imposition of certain penalties and deposited in the Child Health and Safety Fund is used for assisting families with the identification, transportation, and enrollment of children in another center or family child care home upon the revocation or suspension of the license of a center or family child care home.</i>		Daphne Hunt 916.319.2089				Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/13/15
1	AB 1467 (Bloom)	Would increase the amount of civil penalties to be imposed for a licensing violation against community care facilities (inclusive of child development centers and family child care homes), and would impose civil penalties for a repeat violation of those provisions. In addition, would delete a requirement that moneys collected from the imposition of certain penalties be used for assisting families with the identification, transportation, and enrollment of children in another day care or family day care home upon the revocation or suspension of the license of a day care or family day care home.		Sean MacNeil 916.319.2050				Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: Cancelled
California Senate Bills								
	SB 3 (Leno)	Would increase the minimum wage, on and after 1/1/2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, <i>and</i> on and after 7/1/2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. Would require automatic adjustment of the minimum wage using a specified formula on January 1 of each year, starting on 1/1/19, to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation that occurred during the previous year. <i>Amendments mostly technical.</i>	Western Center on Law and Poverty, California State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU)			ACLU, CA Alliance for Retired Americans, CA Catholic Conference, CA Lawyers Assoc, CA Hunger Action Coalition, CA Immigrant Policy Center, CA Labor Federation AFL-CIO, CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, CA School Employees Assoc, CA Teamsters Public Affairs Council, CA United for a Responsible Budget, CDF-CA, City & Co of San Francisco, City of Long Beach- Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles- Office of the Mayor, Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc., NASW-CA Chapter, Nat'l Employment Law Project and many more	Automotive Service Councils of CA, CA Agricultural Aircraft Assoc, CA Ambulance Association, CA Assoc of Bed and Breakfast Inns, CA Assoc of Health Services at Home, CA Assoc Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, CA Attractions & Parks Assoc, CA Autobody Assoc, CA Business Properties Assoc, CA Chamber of Commerce, CA Citrus Mutual, CA Cotton Ginners Assoc, CA Dairies, Inc., CA Farm Bureau Federation, and many more	Introduced: 12/2/14 Amended: 3/11/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 5/13/15)
	SB 23 (Mitchell)	Would prohibit imposing a condition for cash aid (CalWORKs) on a recipient to disclose information regarding incest, rape or use of contraceptives. Would prohibit denying an increase in aid to a family currently receiving aid upon the birth of a new child. Fiscal effect in 1 st and outgoing years.	WCLP, CWDA, ACLU		Support	ACLU of CA, Health Access; California Partnership; CFPA, California Immigrant Policy Center; Center for Law and Social Policy, Child Care Law Center, Children Now, CDF among many others		Introduced: 12/1/14 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
	SB 114 (Liu)	Would enact the Kindergarten Through Grade 1 Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds, as scheduled, to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, county boards of education, and charter schools to construct and modernize education facilities. The proposed bond act would become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, and the bill would provide for its submission to the voters at that election. Fiscal effect: yes. <i>Technical amendment.</i>	California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)	Joyce Roys-Aguilera 916.651.4025		AFSCME Employees, CA Association of School Business Officials, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools		Introduced: 1/13/15 Amended: 3/19/15 Amended: 4/7/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
	SB 174 (Wolk)	Would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement a 2-year pilot project in the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo to conduct a study of the relationship between crisis respite care and incidents of reported child abuse in those counties, and report the results of the study to the Legislature. Would express Legislative intent to provide state funding for crisis nurseries in the Budget Act of 2015 for community services and this pilot project. Would sunset 1/1/2018. Fiscal effect: yes						Introduced: 2/5/15 Amended: 4/7/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

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2	SB 268 (Nguyen)	<i>Would increase the amount of federal adjusted gross income, up to \$250,000, and would increase the amount of employment-related expenses incurred during a taxable year to be taken into account in determining the amount of the household and dependent care credit necessary for gainful employment from \$3,000 to \$4,000 if there is one qualifying dependent and from \$6,000 to \$12,000 if there are 2 or more qualifying dependents for taxable years beginning 1/1/2015.</i>		Emily Reeb 916.651.4034		CCLC, First 5 Association of California		Introduced: 2/19/15 Amended: 3/23/15 Amended: 4/20/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File
	SB 277 (Pan & Allen)	<i>Would eliminate the exemption from existing immunizations based upon personal beliefs for purposes of admitting a child into a private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center or family child care home. Would not apply to a home-based private school or to students enrolled in independent study. Clarifies exemptions for both medical reasons and personal beliefs. Would allow for temporary exclusion from above-referenced programs if child exposed to a disease and documentation exists showing lack of proof of immunization until local health officer satisfied that child no longer at risk of contracting or transmitting disease.</i>	Vaccinate California	Darin Walsh 916.651.4006	Support	AAP, Alameda Co Board of Supervisors, AFSCME, Children Now, CDF-CA, Health Officers Association of CA, Kaiser Permanente, The Children's Partnership & many more	Assoc American Physicians & Surgeons, CA Chiropractic Assoc, CA Nurses for Ethical Standards, CA ProLife Council, & many more	Introduced: 2/19/15 Amended: 4/9/15 Amended: 4/22/15 Amended: 5/5/15 Amended: 5/7/15 Committee on Appropriations
	SB 311 (Beall)	<i>Would authorize the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District located in Santa Clara County to develop and implement an individualized eligibility part-day preschool subsidy plan for children residing in the school district as a pilot project until January 1, 2022. Fiscal effect: Yes</i>		Anna Alvarado 916.651.4015		Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, First 5 Santa Clara County, Kidango, PTA Adelante Dual Language Academy, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Numerous individuals		Introduced: 2/23/14 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

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Watch	SB 401 (Nguyen)	Would exempt child care facilities licensed as centers or crisis nurseries from the 35 square footage requirements if the facility is located in an office building.		Emily Reeb 916.651.4034				Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15
Spot bill	SB 472 (Canella)	Would make technical, non-substantive changes to law pertaining to income tax credit for employment-related child and dependent care expenses.						Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Rules
Watch	SB 548 (De León) (Co-author: Assembly Speaker Atkins)	Would authorize family child care providers to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations and to seek the certification of a provider organization to act as the exclusive representative for family child care providers on matters related to state-funded child care programs. In addition, would require <i>Governor or designee</i> to perform a study of best practices for engaging families in their children's early care and education in family child care settings, and would require a certified provider organization and the state to form a Joint Committee on Child Care Training, Education, and Quality Improvement to identify gaps in the training available to family child care providers <i>and barriers that prevent them from gaining greater skills and accessing postsecondary education</i> , and issue recommendations <i>annually</i> to improve the quality of care offered by licensed and licensed-exempt family child care providers. <i>Would require CDE and CDSS to remove at their request family child care provider's home address and telephone number from collective bargaining unit mailing list.</i>	SEIU State Council, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	Jennifer Troia 916.651.4170		9 to 5, CA Labor Federation, CA Women Lawyers, Children Now, Courage Campaign, Equal Rights Advocates, National Council of Jewish Women California, Special Needs Network, WCLP	National Right to Work Committee	Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 4/14/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/18/15

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 5/13/15)
1	SB 567 (Liu)	Would require a child to be deemed eligible for the remainder of the program year subsequent to enrollment in a state or federally funded child care program to promote continuity of services.		Darcel Sanders 916.651.4025		LAUSD		Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/18/15
	SB 579 (Jackson)	Would extend sick leave provisions to allow employer to permit an employee to use sick leave to address a child care or school emergency <i>or attend to the preventive care of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner</i> and would prohibit an employer from denying an employee the right to use sick leave or taking specific discriminatory action against an employee for using, or attempting to exercise the right to use, sick leave to address a childcare or school emergency. <i>Would require an employer to provide paid sick days upon the request of an employee to address a child care or school emergency.</i>	Child Care Law Center, Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center	Jennifer Richard 916.651.4019		CA Applicants' Attorneys Assoc, CA Employment Lawyers Assoc, CA a Federation of Teachers-AFL-CIO, CA Conference Board of the Amalgamated Transit Union, CA Conference of Machinists, CA Labor Federation-AFL-CIO, CA Partnership to End Domestic Violence, CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, CA School Employees Assoc, CA Teamsters Public Affairs Council, CA Women's Law Center, Consumer Attorneys of CA, County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors, Disability Rights Legal Center, & more	CA Chamber of Commerce, CA Association for Health Services at Home, CA League of Food Processors, CA Manufacturers and Technology Assoc, CA Professional Assoc of Specialty Contractors, CA Restaurant Assoc, CA State Assoc of Counties, Nat'l Federation of Independent Business, Western Growers Assoc	Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 4/15/15 Senate Floor
Watch	SB 645 (Hancock)	Would increase appropriations by specified amounts to the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program annually in fiscal years (FY) 2015-16 and 2016-17. Commencing with FY 2017-18, would require the DOF to adjust the amount upwards using a specified formula. <i>Amendments reflect adjustments to the appropriation amounts and clarify the formula for determining the appropriations.</i>	California After School Coalition	Renee Estoista 916.651.4009		Alhambra Afterschool Adventures, Alhambra USD, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids CA, Institute for Student Success, Inc., LA's Best After School Enrichment, & many more		Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 5/13/15)
	SB 670 (Jackson)	<i>Would provide tax credits to employers for developing and offering child care and development services to meet the needs of their workforce. Includes credits for startup and facility construction and contributing to child care resource and referral agencies to help employees access services.</i>		Chris Reeve 916.651.4019				Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 4/23/15 Committee on Appropriations
Watch	SB 792 (Mendoza)	Would, beginning 9/1/16, prohibit a child development center or a family child care home from employing any person who has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. Specifies circumstances under which a person would be exempt from the immunization requirement based on medical safety, current immunity <i>or a written statement declining the influenza vaccination.</i>	Health Officers Association	Dorian Almaraz 916.651.4755		AAP, CA Academy of Family Physicians, NASW-CA, Children Now, County Health Executives Association of CA, Knowledge Universe. March of Dimes CA Chapter	AWAKE CA, CA Chiropractic Assoc, CA Right to Life Committee, Inc., Education Operate, three individuals	Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 4/7/15 Amended: 4/30/15 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 5/18/15
California Budget Bills (including Trailer Bills)								
	AB 103 (Weber)	Budget Act of 2015						Introduced: 1/9/15 Committee on Budget
	SB 69 (Leno)	Budget Act of 2015						Introduced: 1/9/15
	(TBD)	Omnibus Education Trailer Bill – proposed minor increase to child nutrition rate; would create stakeholders groups to streamline data and other reporting requirements related to subsidized child care and development programs.						(Pending)
	(TBD)	2015-16 Budget Trailer Bill – Suspension of Licensing Fee Exemption						(Pending)
	(TBD)	Department of Social Services Proposed Trailer Bill Legislation – Community Care Licensing Next Phase Quality Enhancement						(Pending)

To obtain additional information about any State legislation, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.htm; for Federal legislation, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>. To access budget hearings on line, go to www.calchannel.com and click on appropriate link at right under "Live Webcast". Links to Trailer Bills are available at http://www.dof.ca.gov/budgeting/trailer_bill_language/. For questions or comments regarding this document, contact Michele Sartell, staff with the Office of Child Care, by e-mail at msartell@ceo.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-5187. An additional source of information on bills posted in this matrix is the subscription-based publication, *Legislative Updates on Child Development*, issued weekly by On the Capitol Doorstep. For more information, visit www.otcdkids.com.

KEY TO LEVEL OF INTEREST ON BILLS:

- 1: Of potentially high interest to the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care.
- 2: Of moderate interest.
- 3: Of relatively low interest.
- Watch: Of interest, however level of interest may change based on further information regarding author's or sponsor's intent and/or future amendments.

** Levels of interest are assigned by the Joint Committee on Legislation based on consistency with Policy Platform accepted by the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and consistent with County Legislative Policy for the current year. Levels of interest **do not** indicate a pursuit of position. Joint Committee will continue to monitor all listed bills as proceed through legislative process. Levels of interest may change based on future amendments.

KEY:

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union	CTC	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
AFSCME:	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees	CWDA	County Welfare Directors' Association
CAPPA	California Alternative Payment Program Association	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
CAEYC	California Association for the Education of Young Children	DHS	Department of Health Services
CAFB	California Association of Food Banks	DOF	Department of Finance
CCCCA	California Child Care Coordinators Association	DMH	Department of Mental Health
CCRRN	California Child Care Resource and Referral Network	First 5 CA	First 5 Commission of California
CCDAA	California Child Development Administrators Association	HHSA	Health and Human Services Agency
CDA	California Dental Association	LCC	League of California Cities
CDE	California Department of Education	LAC CPSS	Los Angeles County Commission for Public Social Services
CDSS	California Department of Social Services	LACOE	Los Angeles County Office of Education
CFT	California Federation of Teachers	LAUSD	Los Angeles Unified School District
CFPA	California Food Policy Advocates	MALDEF	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
CHAC	California Hunger Action Coalition	NASW	National Association of Social Workers
CIWC	California Immigrant Welfare Collaborative	NCYL	National Center for Youth Law
CSAC	California School-Age Consortium	PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CSAC	California State Association of Counties	SEIU	Service Employees International Union
CTA	California Teachers Association	SPI	Superintendent of Public Instruction
CCALA	Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles	TCI	The Children's Initiative
CCLC	Child Care Law Center	US DHHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
CDPI	Child Development Policy Institute	WCLP	Western Center on Law and Poverty

DEFINITIONS:²

Committee on Rules	Bills are assigned to a Committee for hearing from here.
Consent Calendar	A set of non-controversial bills, grouped together and voted out of a committee or on the floor as a package.
First Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. The first reading of a bill occurs when it is introduced.
Held in Committee	Status of a bill that fails to receive sufficient affirmative votes to pass out of committee.
Held under Submission	Action taken by a committee when a bill is heard and there is an indication that the author and the committee members want to work on or discuss the bill further, but there is no motion for the bill to progress out of committee.
Inactive File	The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dead or dormant. An author may move a bill to the inactive file, and move it off the inactive file at a later date. During the final weeks of the legislative session, measures may be moved there by the leadership as a method of encouraging authors to take up their bills promptly.
On File	A bill on the second or third reading file of the Assembly or Senate Daily File.
Second Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Second reading occurs after a bill has been reported to the floor from committee.
Spot Bill	A bill that proposes non-substantive amendments to a code section in a particular subject; introduced to assure that a bill will be available, subsequent to the deadline to introduce bills, for revision by amendments that are germane to the subject of the bill.
Third Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Third reading occurs when the measure is about to be taken up on the floor of either house for final passage.
Third Reading File	That portion of the Daily File listing the bills that is ready to be taken up for final passage.
Urgency Measure	A bill affecting the public peace, health, or safety, containing an urgency clause, and requiring a two-thirds vote for passage. An urgency bill becomes effective immediately upon enactment.
Urgency Clause	Section of bill stating that bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A vote on the urgency clause, requiring a two-thirds vote in each house, must precede a vote on bill.
Enrollment	Bill has passed both Houses, House of origin has concurred with amendments (as needed), and bill is now on its way to the Governor's desk.

² Definitions are taken from the official site for California legislative information, Your Legislature, Glossary of Legislative Terms at www.leginfo.ca.gov/guide.html#Appendix_B.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2015 (Tentative)³

January 1, 2015	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
January 5, 2015	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).
January 10, 2015	Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
January 19, 2015	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed
January 30, 2015	Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel. Last day for any committee to meet and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house in 2013 (J.R. 61(b)(2)).
February 16, 2015	President's Day Observed
February 27, 2015	Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).
March 26, 2015	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
March 30, 2015	Cesar Chavez Day observed.
April 6, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
May 1, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).
May 15, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).
May 22, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day observed.
May 23, 2015	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).
June 1-5, 2015	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)). This deadline APPLIES TO ALL bills, constitutional amendments and bills which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c); J.R. 61(i)).
June 5, 2015	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(a)(8)).
June 8, 2015	Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).
June 15, 2015	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
July 4, 2015	Independence Day observed.
July 17, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)).
July 17, 2015	Summer recess begins at the end of this day's session, provided the Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
August 17, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
August 28, 2015	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)).
August 31- Sept 11, 2015	Floor session only. No committees, other than conference committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(12)). This deadline APPLIES TO ALL bills, constitutional amendments and bills which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c); J.R. 61(i)).
September 4, 2014	Last day to amend bills on the floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).
September 7, 2015	Labor Day observed.
Sept 11, 2015	Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)). Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).
Sept 30, 2015	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 11, 2015 and in the Governor's possession after September 11 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).

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Jan. 1	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan. 4	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51 (a)(4)).

³ California State Assembly. *2015 Tentative Legislative Calendar*. Retrieved on October 29, 2014 from <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>.