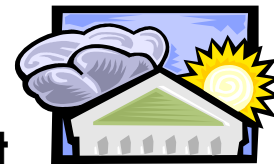


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Adult Services



AB 464 (Levine)
Chapter 105

Adult Day Health Care Centers. Prohibits an adult day health care center from: (1) requiring family members to attend the center or assist the participant with activities of daily living while at the center; (2) discriminating because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disabilities; or (3) admitting any participants that, in the clinical judgment of those administering the program, cannot be appropriately cared for.

AB 632 (Kehoe)
Chapter 209

IHSS Providers: Employment Benefits. Requires the California Department of Social Services to pay contributions for workers' compensation coverage for IHSS providers that are employed under contracts entered into by a county with a nonprofit agency or proprietary agency. Any county that has existing contracts with nonprofit agencies or proprietary agencies whose employees would be covered under this provision is required to reduce the contract hourly rate accordingly.

AB 634 (Steinberg)
Chapter 242

Elder Abuse Actions: Confidentiality. Provides that it is the policy of the state that in any civil action based on a violation of the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, confidential settlement agreements are disfavored, and would require a showing, as specified, before a confidentiality agreement in this type of proceeding may be recognized or enforced by the court.

AB 786 (Daucher)
Chapter 436

Home Care Assessment Pilot Project. Requires San Mateo County to adopt the Minimum Data Set-Home Care (MDS-HC) assessment instrument, as defined, for use by all home- and community-based programs serving elders and persons with disabilities. Sets a sunset date of December 31, 2008, for the pilot project.

**AB 798 (Committee on Aging
and Long Term Care)**
Chapter 112

Medi-Cal: All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Establishes services provided under the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as a covered benefit of the Medi-Cal program, subject to utilization controls and eligibility criteria, and subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of a Medicaid state plan amendment electing PACE as a state Medicaid option. Authorizes the Department of Health Services to enter into contracts with up to 10 organizations to provide services under the PACE program.

**AB 1594 (Committee on
Veterans Affairs)**
Chapter 776

Veterans: Discrimination. Existing law prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, sex, or physical or mental disability under any program or activity that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or by any state agency, is funded directly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from the state. This bill provides that the above described requirements do not preclude the providers of emergency shelter or transitional housing from restricting occupancy on the basis of military veteran status if the veterans served possess significant barriers to social reintegration and employment, as specified.

ACR 28 (Garcia)
Chapter 44

Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Proclaims May 2003 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month and urges all Californians to be aware of elder abuse and to educate themselves on ways to prevent the mistreatment of vulnerable older adults in our communities.

SB 211 (Dunn)
Chapter 409

Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly: Admission Agreements. Specifies numerous requirements for the form and content of admission agreements for residential care facilities for the elderly, and requires each facility to conspicuously post a copy of its agreement. Admission agreements must include, among other things, a comprehensive description of any items and services provided; an explanation of third-party services; information relating to residents' rights; and information on billing and payment, term of contract, refunds, and termination of the agreement.

SB 540 (Soto)
Chapter 322

Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly: Special Services. Requires a licensee of a residential care facility for the elderly that advertises or promotes special care, programming, or environments for persons with a specific health-related condition to provide to each prospective resident an accurate written narrative description of these services and programs, prior to admission. All reasonable efforts must be made to communicate the information to persons unable to read it themselves.

Budget & Appropriations



AB 1716 (Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 450

Local Revenue Fund: Allocations. Revives the consensus method used in the early 1990s to (1) restore base Realignment funds for county-operated social services programs and (2) give priority to the social services account when sales tax revenues grow. The bill renews the practice from the early 1990s of distributing sales tax revenues to realigned social services programs when tax proceeds grow following one or more years of a funding shortfall. The bill also will adjust the funding base so that the amounts to be distributed to social services programs from sales tax revenues do not continue to decline. Additionally, AB 1716 states that it is the intent of the Legislature to develop recommendations on Realignment by April 1, 2004.

AB 1752 (Committee on Budget)
Chapter 225

Omnibus Human Services Trailer Bill. Makes necessary statutory changes to human services programs in order to implement the *2003-04 Budget Act*.

AB 1762 (Committee on Budget)
Chapter 230

Omnibus Health Trailer Bill. Makes necessary statutory changes to health programs in order to implement the *2003-04 Budget Act*.

AB 1765 (Oropeza)
Chapter 157

2003-04 Budget Act.

ABX 7 (Oropeza)
Chapter 13

California Fiscal Recovery Financing Act. Creates the California Fiscal Recovery Financing Authority for the purposes of issuing bonds for the general purpose of funding the accumulated budget deficit, subject to specified conditions. Requires that the proceeds of the bonds, exclusive of specified amounts, be deposited in the General Fund for that purpose.

SBX 26 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)
Chapter 9

Health Care Financing. Implements various reductions to health-care programs for General Fund savings of \$327.2 million. Specific to counties, the bill: (1) institutes mid-year status reporting for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and assumes savings as a result of the new reports; (2) establishes a set of performance standards for county human services agencies related to eligibility determinations and annual redeterminations in Medi-Cal, including penalty provisions if standards are not met; and (3) eliminates outreach funds for Healthy Families and Medi-Cal.

CalWORKs and Food Stamps



AB 231 (Steinberg)
Chapter 743

Food Stamps: CalWORKs: Benefits. Exempts the value of one automobile for Food Stamp applicants. Allows for the waiver of face-to-face interviews for Food Stamp intakes and renewals, for those with a hardship.

AB 1402 (Wolk)
Chapter 398

Quarterly Reporting/Prospective Budgeting Clean-Up. Makes a number of technical changes to last year's AB 444 to reflect the waiver approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for California's Quarterly Reporting/Prospective Budgeting system for CalWORKs and Food Stamps. Requires that the Department of Social Services report to relevant committees by April 2005 on the impact of the mandatory mid-quarter report on program efficiency and integrity.

SB 43 (Cedillo)
Chapter 317

Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund. Extends the tax check-off contribution for the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund until January 1, 2009.

SJR 3 (Alarcon)
Chapter 136

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. Urges the Congress of the United States to increase TANF block grant funding to certain states, allow states to use TANF funds to provide an additional 24 months of TANF eligibility for families who have used 60 months of TANF eligibility, consider "stopping the clock" on TANF assistance for recipients who are meeting work participation requirements or live in counties with high unemployment rates, increase funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and give states flexibility to design the most effective strategies to help people secure jobs.

Child Care



AB 300 (Committee on Education)
Chapter 552

Omnibus Education Clean-Up Bill. Existing law authorizes the Department of Education, upon request, to waive its regulations for staffing and group size ratios for programs in which subsidized children comprise a majority of the enrollment. This bill would instead authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon request, to waive the requirements for staffing and group size ratios without regard to program enrollment.

AB 529 (Mullin)
Chapter 774

Family Day Care Homes. Existing law authorizes a small family day care home to care for between six and eight children if certain conditions are met. Existing law also authorizes a large family day care home to provide day care for between 12 and 14 children if certain conditions are met. One of the conditions applicable to both small and large homes is that at least two of the children be 6 years of age or older. This bill allows the condition to be met if at least one child is enrolled in and attending kindergarten or elementary school and a second child is at least 6 years of age.

AB 1326 (Simitian)
Chapter 691

Child Care Subsidies: County of San Mateo: Pilot Project. Authorizes the County of San Mateo, as a pilot project, to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan. Prior to implementation, the county must develop a plan with specified elements, including development of local policies that may, except as specified, supersede existing law with regard to eligibility requirements, fees, reimbursement rates, and methods of maximizing use of funds. The plan must be approved by specified state and local entities. The county will be required to submit annual reports that summarize the success of the plan and to submit a final report on or before December 31, 2008.

Childrens Services



AB 353 (Montanez)
Chapter 28

Child Welfare Services: Foster Siblings. Clarifies generally that a "sibling" is a person related to the child by blood, adoption, or affinity and would additionally, in cases involving severe sexual abuse or severe physical harm, include within the definition of a sibling, a person whose legal, biological, or foster parent is the parent of the child.

AB 408 (Steinberg)
Chapter 813

Dependent Children. Requires the court to determine whether the placing agency has made reasonable efforts to maintain a child's relationships with individuals who are important to a child who is 10 years of age or older and who is placed in a group home, and make any order to ensure that actions are taken to maintain those relationships. If a court orders a hearing to terminate parental rights, the court is required to make any appropriate order to enable the child to maintain those relationships. Placing agencies are required to ask every child who is 10 years of age or older to identify those persons, if it is in the child's best interest. The bill would also authorize them to ask any child who is younger than 10 years of age to identify those persons. The bill would require that certain assessment reports include a description of efforts made to identify a prospective adoptive parent.

AB 416 (La Suer)
Chapter 81

Adoptions: Legal Guardians. Existing law authorizes a legal guardian who has been a child's legal guardian for more than one year to file a petition to adopt the child. This bill additionally authorizes a legal guardian of more than six months to file that petition if the court has found the child to have been abandoned.

AB 458 (Chu)
Chapter 331

Foster Care. Adds to statute the right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. The bill requires training for administrators, licensing personnel, licensed foster parents, and relative caretakers to include training about these rights.

AB 490 (Steinberg)
Chapter 862

Foster Children: Education. Makes a number of changes to statutes governing the placement of foster youth into appropriate school situations.

AB 524 (Haynes)
Chapter 306

Dependent Children. Requires that a child removed from the physical custody of a parent or guardian shall be returned to the parent or guardian immediately after a finding by the juvenile court that the child will not be adjudged to be a dependent child of the juvenile court, but, in any case, not more than two working days after the date of that finding, with some exceptions.

AB 579 (Chu)
Chapter 558

Dependent Children: Notice to Siblings. Requires a social worker, probation officer, or clerk of the court to provide hearing notices to any

known sibling 10 years of age or older of the child who is the subject of the hearing, and to the attorney for that sibling. Notice is not required if the sibling has a matter calendared in the same court on the same day.

AB 962 (La Suer)
Chapter 568

Minors: Temporary Custody. Prohibits a peace officer from taking a minor into temporary custody, without a warrant, when the minor is a newborn who tested positive for illegal drugs or whose birth mother tested positive for illegal drugs, provided that the prospective adoptive parents or their representative provide a copy of a signed Health Facility Minor Release Report, a copy of an agency relinquishment signed by the placing birth parent or birth parents, and other specified documentation.

AB 1151 (Dymally)
Chapter 847

Foster Care. Provides that the time during which a minor is adjudged to be a dependent child of the juvenile court shall not be counted toward the one-year statute of limitations for filing personal injury claims against a public entity, if the minor is without a guardian *ad litem* or conservator for purposes of filing civil actions.

AB 1370 (Yee)
Chapter 575

Mental Health: Community Treatment Facilities: Seclusion and Restraints. Until January 1, 2007, prohibits the Department of Mental Health from requiring 24-hour onsite nursing staff at community treatment facilities (CTFs), but requires CTFs to retain at least one full-time, or full-time equivalent, registered nurse onsite, in specified circumstances; to maintain other nursing staff to be available on call; and to have all direct care staff trained in providing first aid and other emergency services.

AB 1413 (Wolk)
Chapter 315

Delayed Registration of Birth: Dependent Children. Requires the State Registrar to give priority to the processing of an application for delayed registration of birth for a child who has been adjudged a dependent child of, and who is subject to the jurisdiction of, the juvenile court.

AB 1469 (Negrete McLeod)
Chapter 516

Dependent Children: Supplemental Reports. Existing law requires a social worker to provide copies of the supplemental court report to all parties at least 10 days prior to a status review hearing for a dependent child. This bill provides that, in Los Angeles County, this requirement may be met by mailing the report either 15 or 20 calendar days, as specified, prior to the hearing. The bill would also require the court, only in Los Angeles County, to grant a continuance not to exceed 10 calendar days upon request by any party or counsel if a report was not provided at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing, except as specified.

AB 1710 (Committee on Judiciary)
Chapter 365

Omnibus Judiciary Clean-Up Bill. Existing law authorizes a minor to petition the superior court for emancipation. Existing law requires the clerk of the court to notify the district attorney of the county where the matter is to be heard and, if the minor is a ward or dependent child of the court, to notify the probation department. This bill requires the clerk of the court to notify the local child support agency, rather than the district attorney, and, if the minor is a dependent child, to notify the county welfare department, rather than the probation department.

SB 59 (Escutia)
Chapter 247

Dependent Children: Placement. Allows for a more rapid review of court-ordered placements for dependent children whose parental rights have been terminated, by providing that the review of a court order

regarding the specific placement of a child shall be made exclusively by a petition for an extraordinary writ. The bill would not change the ability of a parent or legal guardian to appeal the decision to terminate their parental rights.

SB 139 (Brulte)
Chapter 150

Abandoned Newborns: Safe Surrender. Eliminates the requirement that a newborn child be surrendered to a designated employee on duty in the emergency room of a hospital or location designated by the board of supervisors in order to meet state safe-surrender requirements. Instead, a newborn child may be taken to a safe-surrender site, as defined, at a hospital or location designated for this purpose by a county board of supervisors. The bill also provides that (1) certain information pertaining to the individual surrendering the child is confidential and (2) requires safe-surrender sites to post signs, utilizing a statewide logo that has been adopted by the State Department of Social Services.

SB 316 (McPherson)
Chapter 122

Mandated Reporters. Adds custodial officers to the list of persons who are mandated reporters under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA).

SB 464 (Murray)
Chapter 413

Special Education: IEP Meetings: Group Home Representative. Requires a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to invite to individualized education program team meetings a representative of the group home in those cases in which a pupil with exceptional needs has been placed in a group home by a juvenile court.

SB 496 (Alpert)
Chapter 75

Drug Endangered Children. Encourages every law enforcement and social services agency in the state to, by January 1, 2005, develop, adopt, and implement written policies and standards for their response to narcotics crime scenes where a child is either immediately present or where there is evidence that a child lives. Provides that these policies would reflect the fact that exposing a child to the manufacturing, trafficking, and use of narcotics is criminal conduct and that a response coordinated by law enforcement and social services agencies is essential to the child's health and welfare. Encourages communities to form multijurisdictional groups to develop standards and protocols that address law enforcement response to drug endangered children.

SB 591 (Scott)
Chapter 812

Dependent Children: Caregiver Information. Requires the provision of certain information regarding a foster child, the child's case plan and visitation orders, and social worker contact information, to the caregiver.

SB 739 (Ducheny)
Chapter 373

Children's Services: Indian Tribes. Until January 1, 2007, authorizes the director of the state Department of Social Services to establish a three-year pilot project with the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada to explore the feasibility of permitting Indian tribes to provide child welfare services to a broad population of Indian children and families within Indian reservations or rancherias.

SB 947 (Ducheny)
Chapter 469

Indians: Child Welfare Services: Adoptions. Establishes a detailed process for identifying a child who is or may be an Indian child under the Indian Child Welfare Act, notifying relatives and the tribe of the

proceedings in which the Indian child is the subject, and requires the State Department of Social Services to notify the parents of a relinquished Indian child that the relinquishment may be revoked at any time before final adoption is granted and to notify the Indian tribe of its right to intervene on behalf of a tribal member relative of the child.

SB 984 (Scott)
Chapter 323

Dependent Children: Welfare Advance Fund Payments: Adoptions. Brings California law related to interethnic foster and adoptive placement into compliance with federal law and allows payments from the Welfare Advance Fund to be made to tribes and other governmental entities. Also extends eligibility for Adoption Assistance Program payments to adopted children who are eligible for federal Social Security Income benefits.

SCR 8 (Battin)
Chapter 21

Child Abuse Prevention Month. Acknowledges the month of April 2003, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages the people of the State of California to support child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Health Care



AB 1130 (Diaz)
Chapter 687

Children's Health Initiative Matching Fund. Existing law authorizes the County Health Initiative Matching Fund, which is administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and the Department of Health Services, to provide matching funds to a county agency, a local initiative, or a county organized health system for health insurance coverage to eligible children in low-income households who do not qualify for health care benefits through the Healthy Families Program or Medi-Cal. This bill

AB 1524 (Richman)
Chapter 866

County Health Initiative Matching Fund. Expands the scope of the County Health Initiative Matching Fund to include adults who are parents of or responsible for children eligible for the Healthy Families or Medi-Cal programs and who meet specified criteria. The bill would only authorize funding for adults in a fiscal year if the funds are not needed for the children's expansion program.

AB 1528 (Cohn)
Chapter 672

California Health Care Quality Improvement and Cost Containment Commission. States legislative intent to make available valid performance information to encourage hospitals and physicians to provide care that is safe, medically effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. Requires the Governor to convene a California Health Care Quality Improvement and Cost Containment Commission to examine and address specified issues. The commission is to report by January 1, 2005, on its recommendations for health care cost containment.

SB 2 (Burton)
Chapter 673

Health Care Coverage. Requires the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to arrange health coverage for certain employers, who would be required to pay a fee for employee health coverage or provide health care coverage directly. Employees and dependents of large employers will be covered beginning January 1, 2006; employees of medium employers will be covered January 1, 2007; small employers are exempt. The board will determine fees to be paid by employers and employees. Employee fees may not exceed 20 percent of the employer fee, and the bill directs the Department of Health Services to institute a premium assistance program for qualified employees. The board is to coordinate coverage under the program with coverage available under Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and other public programs.

SB 24 (Figueroa)
Chapter 895

Health Care: Accelerated Enrollment. Creates the Prenatal Gateway and the Newborn Hospital Gateway to simplify enrollment of prenatal women and certain newborn infants into Medi-Cal.

SB 36 (Chesbro)
Chapter 527

Medi-Cal. Provides that federally qualified health center services and rural health clinic services are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, to be reimbursed to providers on a per-visit basis.

Miscellaneous



AB 763 (Liu)
Chapter 532

Privacy: Social Security Numbers. Prohibits a social security number that is otherwise permitted to be mailed from being printed, in whole or in part, on a postcard or other mailer or visible on the envelope or without the envelope having been opened.

AB 976 (Montanez)
Chapter 281

Victims of Crime: Authorized Representative. Authorizes the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to recognize an authorized representative of the victim or derivative victim to represent the victim or derivative victim, including, among others, legal guardians, conservators, relative caregivers, immediate family members, parents, and other persons acting pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

AB 1669 (Chu)
Chapter

Peace Officers: Psychological Evaluations. Increases the education and training required for a licensed physician or psychologist to evaluate the mental and emotional condition of a peace officer.

SB 577 (Kuehl)
Chapter 878

Protection and Advocacy Agencies. Clarifies and consolidates state laws related to California's protection and advocacy agency, Protection and Advocacy, Inc., to conform to federal law. Specifically, this bill (1) clarifies that broader populations than just the developmentally disabled or mentally ill are eligible for PAI services, (2) redefines "abuse," "neglect," and "complaint" to conform with federal law, and (3) clarifies the type of facilities that may be accessed by PAI in the course of an investigation. The bill specifically states that its statutory changes do not change the scope or jurisdiction of the Adult Protective Services program.

SB 599 (Perata)
Chapter 792

Drug Diversion: Court Records. Provides that whenever a person is diverted pursuant to a drug diversion program administered by a superior court or is admitted to a deferred entry of judgment program for specified drug offenders, the person successfully completes the program, and it appears to the judge presiding at the hearing where the diverted charges are dismissed that the interests of justice would be served by sealing the records of the arresting agency and related court files and records with respect to the diverted person, the judge may order those records and files to be sealed. The bill provides that the Department of Justice shall continue to be able to maintain and disseminate any records or documents received or maintained by it, as authorized by law.

SB 873 (McPherson)
Chapter 124

Criminal History Information. Existing law provides that agencies responsible for determining the character and fitness of a person applying for employment, a license, or a volunteer position, within a human services field in which he or she would have supervisory or disciplinary power over members of vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, or the mentally impaired, may request, and the Department of Justice shall provide, the criminal history information of those applicants or volunteers, as specified, with respect to certain enumerated offenses. This bill provides that requests for federal criminal record information

received by the department would be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the department to be searched for any record of arrests or convictions.

SB 970 (Ortiz)
Chapter 470

Fingerprinting: Criminal Offender Records. Requires the Attorney General to establish an electronic communication network to facilitate the transmission of requests from specified entities in California for criminal offender record information for employment, licensing, certification, custodial child placement, or adoption purposes. In addition, the bill requires, as of July 1, 2005, that the Department of Justice only accept a criminal record information request for employment, licensing, certification, custodial child placement, or adoption purposes if it was transmitted electronically from an approved entity, except as specified.

SCR 12 (Alarcon)
Chapter 117

Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California. Establishes the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California, until December 31, 2005, which is charged with developing a "Master Plan to End Poverty in California," and reporting to the Legislature on the state of poverty in California.

Vetoed Legislation



- AB 43 (Daucher)** **Chronic Care Integration Program and Pilot Project:** Would have renamed the Long-Term Care Integration pilot program as the Chronic Care Integration (CCI) Program and established CCI as an ongoing program. This bill contained significant programmatic changes, including expansion of CCI sites and increased administrative activities for the Department of Health Services. In his veto message, Governor Davis noted his strong support for efforts to improve the coordination, quality, and cost-effectiveness of long-term care services in the state, but stated that AB 43 would expand state government and required new General Fund expenditures at a time of fiscal uncertainty.
- AB 183 (Nation)** **Medi-Cal Benefits:** Would have expanded Medi-Cal benefits to include services provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed clinical social worker that are within the scope of Medi-Cal covered benefits. In vetoing the bill, Governor Davis cited the cost pressures associated with the expanded benefits.
- AB 274 (Koretz)** **Employment:** Would have created a rebuttable presumption that a person's action to discharge, demote, suspend, or reduce the hours of an employee is retaliatory if it occurs within 60 days after the employee has exercised any right enumerated under the Labor Code. In his veto message, Governor Davis noted that the bill could allow employees to stall adverse actions against them by fabricating complaints and would make it difficult to legitimately discipline employees who have exercised their rights. The bill is similar to AB 2990, which was vetoed last session.
- AB 331 (Kehoe)** **Unemployment Benefits: Waiting Period:** Would have suspended the one-week required waiting period for Unemployment Insurance for employees involved in a lockout or labor dispute. According to the veto message, this measure would place additional pressure on the State's Unemployment Insurance fund, which is already strained due the current economic conditions.
- AB 799 (Shirley Horton)** **Ageing Programs: Competitive Bidding: Exemptions:** Would have allowed an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to conduct an initial competitive bid process to select a provider for Linkages and Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center programs. After this initial process, the AAA could continue contracting with the same service provider without conducting another competitive bid process unless the AAA determines it is in the best interest of the State to do so. Governor Davis noted that while he sympathized with the goals of the bill, it is inconsistent with Executive Order D-02-55, which requires open and competitive bidding be used to the greatest extent possible in awarding state contracts.
- AB 1093 (Lieber)** **Living Wage:** Would have required the State of California, and any employer that contracts with the state, to pay a living wage to its employees. In his veto message, Governor Davis stated that the bill would result in increased General Fund costs that were not included in the Budget Act of 2003, increase contracting costs for all state departments at a time when they can least afford it, reduce competition for state contracts, and raise policy concerns about the appropriateness of paying a living wage to high school and college students, who

work part time for the state and who are presumably not independent wage earners. The governor did state his hope that future administrations will reconsider the measure in better economic times.

SB 125 (Chesbro)

Workers Compensation: Leave of Absence for Disability: Would have extended the leave-of-absence benefit in lieu of workers' compensation temporary disability payments to injured county welfare fraud investigators and inspectors and specified county and deputy county coroners. According to the veto message, the costs could be significant to counties at a time when the state is trying to reduce costs. In addition, the governor noted that the Commission on Health, Safety and Workers' Compensation is currently studying the impact of Labor Code 4850 benefits on local governments, and it is prudent to await results of this study prior to expanding benefits.

SB 428 (Perata)

Adult Day Health Care: Would have amended Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) statutes to impose a one-year moratorium on future applications for licensure as an ADHC provider, to create a "pre-application" process, and to revise fees to finance the pre-application process. In his veto message, Governor Davis indicated that he could not support the bill because of the increased workload it would create for the Department of Health Services and Department of Aging.