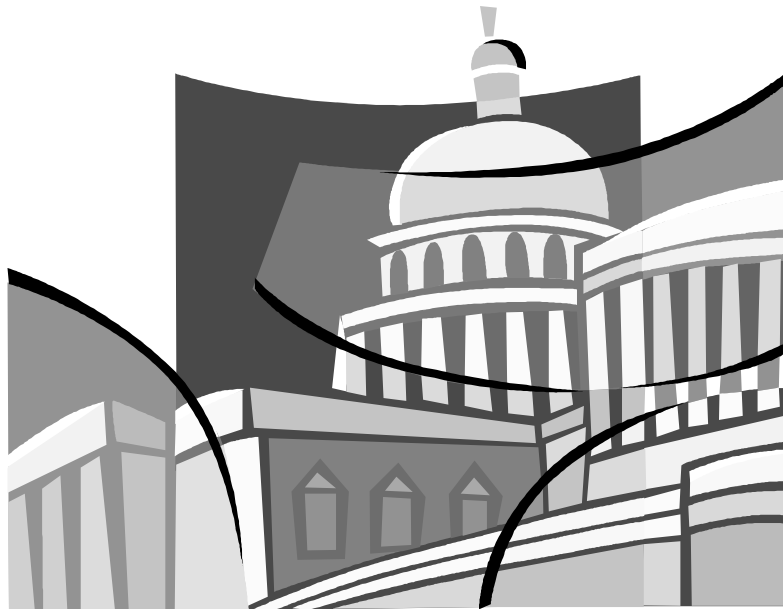




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Adult Services

- AB 2435 (B. Lowenthal)**
Chapter 552
- Elder and dependent adult abuse.** Requires inclusion of elder abuse and neglect assessment and reporting in the training curricula for licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and professional clinical counselors. *CWDA Cosponsored Bill.*
- AB 2493 (Fuller)**
Chapter 97
- Conservators: photograph of conservatee.** Upon the establishment of a conservatorship by the court, and annually thereafter, requires that the conservator ensure a clear photograph of the person is taken and preserved for the purpose of identifying the conservatee if he or she later becomes missing.
- AB 2619 (Block)**
Chapter 43
- Elder and dependent adult abuse: restitution: withholding orders.** Requires the court to issue an earnings withholding order for elder or dependent adult financial abuse for a defendant who has been found liable for that abuse, subject to prioritization of these orders with other orders that may be made.
- ACR 151 (Ma)**
Chapter 143
- In-home supportive services.** Declares legislative intent to ensure the preservation of home care and personal care services to seniors and persons with disabilities through the IHSS program.
- SB 110 (Liu)**
Chapter 617
- People with disabilities: victims of crime.** Clarifies jurisdictional issues with respect to investigation of crimes against persons with disabilities in order to ensure criminal investigations are led by law enforcement agencies.
- SCR 74 (Correa)**
Chapter 21
- Senior Volunteer Month.** Declares May 2010 as Senior Volunteer Month in the state of California.



Budget & Appropriations

- AB 1612 (Committee)**
Chapter 725
- Human Services Trailer Bill.** Contains provisions related to the budget in the area of human services programs.
- AB 1624 (Committee)**
Chapter 713
- State Finance: Short Term Cash Shortage.** Requires the Controller, Treasurer, and Director of Finance to implement a plan to meet cash-flow needs until sufficient external borrowing for the 2010-11 fiscal year is secured. Authorizes the deferral of certain payments, including payments to counties for CalWORKS grants and administration (among other specified payments).

ACA 4 (Gatto)
Res. Chapter 174

State Budget Reform - Constitutional Amendment. Will place on the 2012 statewide election ballot an amendment to the Constitution to require the Governor, in his or her proposed budget, to identify estimated total state resources available and resources anticipated to be one-time resources. Prohibits the passage of a Budget Bill when revenues from all sources exceeds the estimated revenues from the prior fiscal year. Makes other related changes.

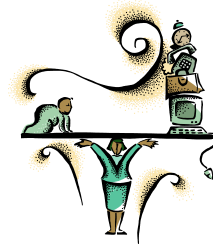
SB 853 (Committee)
Chapter 717

Health Trailer Bill. Contains provisions related to the budget in the area of health programs.

SB 870 (Ducheny)
Chapter 712

2010-11 Budget. The main bill in the budget package.

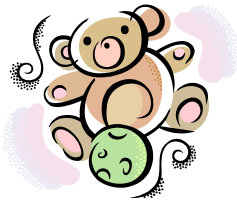
CalWORKs and Food Stamps



AB 537 (Arambula)
Chapter 435

Farmers' markets: Electronic Benefit Transfers. Allows an interested collective group or association of produce sellers that is Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) authorized to initiate and operate an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) acceptance system at a flea market, farmers market or certified farmers market.

Child Care



AB 2084 (Brownley)
Chapter 593

Child day care facilities: nutrition. Starting January 1, 2012, sets minimum nutritional standards for beverages that are served in licensed child day care facilities, including juice and milk. Creates exemptions to the requirements for children with medical necessities and for parents who provide beverages for their children to the child care facility.



Child Welfare Services

AB 12 (Beall)

Chapter 559

California Fostering Connections to Success Act. Implements federal legislation that allows California to extend foster care, adoption assistance and guardianship to age 21. Makes statutory changes necessary to receive federal funding for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. *CWDA-sponsored bill.*

AB 743 (Portantino)

Chapter 560

Foster care: Sibling placement. Conforms state law to changes enacted in the federal Fostering Connections to Success Act (P.L. 110-351) that prioritize the placement of sibling groups together in the same foster care home. The bill also changes a state requirement regarding attorney notification of foster care placement changes. Currently, the county child welfare agency must notify the child's attorney as soon as possible; AB 743 requires notification by the close of the next business day.

AB 939 (Committee)

Chapter 352

Family law proceedings. Makes a number of changes to statute governing the family court. Most relevant to child welfare agencies, the bill: (1) Allows the court, if allegations of child abuse are made during a child custody proceeding, to take any reasonable steps to protect the child, including making a referral to the local child welfare services agency; (2) provides that when a county child welfare social worker is investigating whether a child has suffer abuse or neglect, no inference regarding the credibility of the allegations of the need for child welfare services may be drawn from the mere existence of a family law custody dispute. Provides that a referral from a family court to child welfare, based on allegations of child abuse, must be investigated to the same extent as any other allegation of child abuse; and (3) provides an exception to the confidentiality of child welfare agency records for certain participants in family law and probate guardianship cases by authorizing the child welfare agency to permit inspection, and to provide copies, of its records. Requires that any information obtained from the child welfare files or records be maintained solely in the confidential portion of the family law file.

AB 973 (A. Strickland)

Chapter 440

Minors: temporary custody. Clarifies statute regarding when a police officer may take a newborn baby into custody after a positive toxicology screen if the baby is the subject of an adoption proceeding, what documentation is needed in such circumstances, and what is to occur should the adoption subsequently fall through.

- AB 1048 (Torrico)**
Chapter 567
- Child protection: safe surrender.** Permits a local fire agency, upon approval of the appropriate local governing board of the agency, to designate a fire station as a safe-surrender site. Clarifies law related to liability for safe-surrender sites and personnel.
- AB 1050 (Ma)**
Chapter 187
- Child custody: preferences of child.** Effective January 1, 2012, requires a family court to consider and give due weight to the wishes of an affected child when making an order granting or modifying preferences as to custody or visitation. Requires the court to permit a child 14 years of age or older to address the court regarding custody or visitation, unless the court finds that it is not in the child's best interests to do so. Requires the court to provide alternative methods for obtaining input from the child if the court precludes the calling of any child as a witness.
- AB 1229 (Evans)**
Chapter 562
- Juvenile court costs.** Authorizes a juvenile court judge to designate a court financial evaluation officer to evaluate a parent's liability for the reimbursement of the costs of legal services rendered to a minor in a court proceeding.
- AB 1758 (Ammiano)**
Chapter 561
- County wraparound services program.** Removes the pilot status of the wraparound services program, making the program a permanent option for counties. Recasts provisions related to evaluation of the pilot project to instead require the California Department of Social Services to work with counties to develop appropriate data elements to be collected regularly.
- AB 1905 (Cook)**
Chapter 562
- Foster care: funding: placement approvals.** Provides that approval for a relative caretaker home shall remain in effect until the next annual visit is conducted, and prohibits the delay or termination of payments to an approved relative due solely to late completion of the annual visit.
- AB 1926 (Evans)**
Chapter 167
- Court records: preservation guidelines.** Authorizes courts to create and maintain records in electronic form and authorizes the signing or verification of trial court documents using a computer or other technology.
- AB 1933 (Brownley)**
Chapter 563
- Foster children: education.** Requires a local education agency to allow a foster child to continue at the child's school of origin for the duration of the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, or, if the jurisdiction is terminated prior to the end of the academic year, until the end of that year.
- AB 1983 (Torrico)**
Chapter 587
- Personal income taxes: Safely Surrendered Baby Fund.** Allows taxpayers to designate contributions to the Safely Surrendered Baby Fund, created by the bill, to be used by CDSS for programs to increase public awareness and outreach regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. This includes public service announcements in English and Spanish; safe-surrender hotlines; a website with a comprehensive list of safe-surrender sites; education; and training for communities and schools.

AB 2020 (Fletcher) Chapter 588	Family law. Makes a number of primarily technical changes to adoption and paternity establishment statutes in the Family Code.
AB 2129 (Bass) Chapter 594	Foster care: residentially based services. Current law sets forth requirements and timelines for CDSS to work with group home providers, counties and other stakeholders to develop a plan for Residentially Based Services Reform. This bill extends the deadline for completing the plan to January 1, 2014.
AB 2212 (Fuentes) Chapter 671	Minors: mental competency. Authorizes, during any proceeding for a minor alleged to be a ward of the juvenile court, the minor's counsel or the court to express a doubt as to the minor's competency, as defined. Requires the proceedings be suspended if the court finds that substantial evidence raises a doubt as to the minor's competency. Further requires the court to appoint an expert to evaluate whether the minor suffers from a mental disorder, developmental disability, or developmental immaturity or other condition and, if so, whether that condition impairs the minor's competency.
AB 2229 (Brownley) Chapter 656	Mandated child abuse reporting. For purposes of investigating a report of child abuse or neglect, would allow for the creation of two-person multidisciplinary teams for a period of 30 days, or longer if documented good cause exists. Such teams would need to operate in accordance with protocols developed by each county describing how and what information may be shared, to ensure that information is not disclosed in violation of state or federal law.
AB 2322 (Feuer) Chapter 551	Abuse of children, elder, or dependent persons: confidentiality. Provides authority for a county to develop a data base to be used by members of a multidisciplinary team. Includes requirements for what types of information may be included in such a database, how the information may be shared and used by multidisciplinary team members, and confidentiality requirements. <i>CWDA-sponsored bill.</i>
AB 2339 (Smyth) Chapter 95	Child abuse reporting. This bill makes an essentially technical clarification to the mandatory child abuse reporting laws to expressly authorize the sharing of information from an agency investigating a report of alleged emotional abuse to a licensing agency investigating an abuse or neglect allegation.
AB 2350 (Hill) Chapter 96	Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Provides that status offenders cannot be held in custody for more than 24 hours except pursuant to the Interstate Juvenile Compact, as specified, to assure compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.
AB 2380 (B. Lowenthal) Chapter 123	Child abuse reporting. For purposes of mandated child abuse reporting, clarifies the term "reasonable suspicion" to state that "reasonable suspicion" does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred, nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect.

- AB 2417 (Cook)**
Chapter 467
- Tribal customary adoption.** Makes technical and clarifying changes to the law governing tribal customary adoptions. Clarifies that a background check must be conducted for the prospective adoptive parents and any person over 18 living in the home prior to final approval of a tribal customary adoptive placement. If the tribe conducts its own home study, the public adoption agency that is otherwise authorized to obtain criminal background information must perform the background check through the Department of Justice. Clarifies that tribal customary adoptive parents will have all of the rights and duties as any other adoptive parent upon finalization of the order.
- AB 2418 (Cook)**
Chapter 468
- Indian children.** Revises the definition of an Indian child to include an unmarried person who is 18 years of age or older but under 21 years of age, and who is either a member of an Indian tribe or eligible for membership in a tribe.
- AB 2474 (Beall)**
Chapter 43
- Community care facilities: foster family agencies.** Extends by one year, to January 1, 2012, the sunset provision on the requirement for certain foster family agencies to employ one full-time social work supervisor for every eight social workers
- ACR 134 (Adams)**
Chapter 12
- Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Acknowledges the month of April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- SB 179 (Runner)**
Chapter 66
- Juvenile law: referee.** Existing law requires the findings and orders of a juvenile court referee to be served on a minor, parent or guardian via mail. This bill also allows service be made in person rather than by mail on a minor, parent or guardian who is present in court on the day that the findings and order are made.
- SB 654 (Leno)**
Chapter 555
- Independent Living Program.** Restores eligibility for Independent Living Program services to youth placed with non-related legal guardians pursuant to an order of the dependency court. *CWDA-sponsored bill.*
- SB 945 (Liu)**
Chapter 631
- Juvenile court jurisdiction: services and benefits.** Requires the county probation department, whenever the juvenile court terminates jurisdiction over a ward or upon release of a ward from a non-foster care facility, to provide to the person a written notice stating that the person is a former foster child and may be eligible for the services and benefits available to former foster children. (This largely mirrors existing requirements for county child welfare agencies to provide such written information to dependents who are emancipating from foster care.)
- SB 962 (Liu)**
Chapter 482
- Prisoners: adjudication of parental rights: participation.** Provides the opportunity for prisoners with children who are dependents of the juvenile court to participate in hearings in person or by videoconference or teleconference, if such technology is available and in use by the court.

SB 1214 (Wolk)
Chapter 519

Crisis nurseries. Modifies the definition of crisis nurseries. As of January 1, 2011, specifies that “voluntary placement” in a crisis nursery does not include placement of a child who has been placed into foster care. As of January 1, 2012, also changes the definition of crisis nursery to include only facilities that accept voluntary placements, and not placements by county child welfare agencies. All of these provisions would sunset on January 1, 2014.

SB 1353 (Wright)

Education: foster youth. Makes a number of changes with respect to the rules governing education rights of foster children, including but not limited to: (1) Adding to the foster child bill of rights the right to attend school with minimal disruptions to attendance and educational settings caused by transfers; (2) Providing that the decision of which foster care setting to choose for a child shall include selecting a setting that is available in close proximity to the parent's home and proximity to the child's school; and (3) Encouraging the development of other indicators of educational stability to complement the current indicators of proximity of the home to the school or origin, school attendance area, the number of transfers the child has previously experienced and accommodation of the child's matriculation schedule.

SCR 104 (Steinberg)

Foster Care Month. Designates May 2010 as Foster Care Month.



Health Care

AB 23 (Jones)
Chapter 3

Cal-COBRA: Premium assistance. Makes necessary changes to state law to enable qualified individuals to take advantage of the COBRA premium assistance contained in the federal economic stimulus package.

AB 342 (Perez)
Chapter 723

Medi-Cal: demonstration project waivers. Contains the framework for the coverage initiatives, now renamed the Coverage Expansion and Enrollment Demonstration (CEED) projects.

- AB 1602 (J. Perez)**
Chapter 655
- California Health Benefit Exchange.** In conjunction with SB 900, creates the Health Benefit Exchange in California. This bill primarily sets forth the duties and operation of the Exchange. Specifically with respect to eligibility and enrollment, the bill requires coordination between the Exchange, the county human services departments that administer Medi-Cal eligibility, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) that administers Healthy Families, including development of case transfer and referral procedures between the Exchange and those entities, as well as the development of procedures for enrollment into the Exchange by the human services departments and MRMIB of individuals who apply for eligibility to those entities.
- AB 1628 (Blumenfield)**
Chapter 729
- Corrections trailer bill.** Contains additional requirements on CEED projects. Requires counties that submit an application for a CEED project to agree to include prison inmates in their CEED project for inpatient hospital services. The CEED project would be compensated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for these costs. The intent is that there will be no net increase in county expenditures; CDCR and federal funds would cover the county cost, including administrative costs. Eligibility would be based on county of last legal residence prior to arrest.
- AB 2028 (Hernandez)**
Chapter 540
- Confidentiality of medical information: disclosure.** Amends the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) to expressly authorize mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect and elder and dependent adult abuse to subsequently disclose requested information to the agency investigating the report of abuse or neglect. Exempts information disclosed by a psychotherapist who is making a report from existing law's requirement that the entity requesting the information meet certain request and notification requirements.
- AB 2244 (Feuer)**
Chapter 656
- Health care coverage.** Requires guaranteed issue, eliminates all pre-existing condition exclusions, and limits premium increases based on health status, phasing in modified community rating for children under age 19 in the individual market.
- AB 2345 (De La Torre)**
Chapter 657
- Health care coverage: preventive services.** Requires insurers to eliminate costsharing for some preventive services such as pap smears, mammograms, other cancer screenings, and immunizations.
- AB 2470 (De La Torre)**
Chapter 658
- Health care coverage.** Sets standards for rescission, the practice of terminating coverage as if the coverage had never been issued.
- SB 208 (Steinberg)**
Chapter 714
- Medi-Cal.** Contains the bulk of the remaining 1115 waiver provisions not addressed in AB 342 or AB 1628, including mandatory enrollment of seniors and persons with disabilities into Medi-Cal Managed Care and additional hospital financing pieces.

- SB 227 (Alquist)**
Chapter 31
- Health care coverage: temporary high risk pool.** Requires the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) to enter into an agreement with the federal Department of Health and Human Services to administer a qualified high-risk pool to provide health coverage, until January 1, 2014, to individuals who have pre-existing conditions, consistent with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- SB 543 (Leno)**
Chapter 503
- Minors: consent to mental health services.** Provides that a minor who is 12 years of age or older may consent to outpatient mental health services, if, in the opinion of the professional person, as defined, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the mental health treatment or counseling services. Expands the definition of a "professional person" to include a licensed clinical social worker, as specified, and a board certified or board eligible psychiatrist.
- SB 580 (Wright)**
Chapter 103
- Child support: health insurance.** Defines the terms "reasonable cost" and "accessible" as they pertain to medical support orders, in order to be consistent with requirements in federal regulations.
- SB 900 (Alquist)**
Chapter 659
- California Health Benefit Exchange.** In conjunction with AB 1602, creates the Health Benefit Exchange in California. This bill establishes the Exchange as an independent governmental entity that will be overseen by a five-member appointed board.
- SB 1088 (Price)**
Chapter 660
- Health care coverage: dependents.** Requires group health, dental, and vision plans to allow dependent children to continue on their parents' coverage through age 26.
- SB 1266 (Liu)**
Chapter 644
- Inmates: alternative custody.** Establishes an alternative custody program within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation under which eligible female inmates, pregnant inmates, or inmates who were the primary caregivers of dependent children would be allowed to participate in lieu of their confinement in state prison. Requires CDCR to retain responsibility for the medical and mental health needs of individual's participating in the alternative custody program.
- SB 1399 (Leno)**
Chapter 405
- Parole: medical parole: permanently medically incapacitated inmates.** Allows for medical parole for prisoners determined to be "medically incapacitated," meaning the prisoner has a medical condition that renders him or her permanently unable to perform activities of daily living, results in 24-hour care, and that did not exist at the time of sentencing. In granting medical parole, the Board of Parole Hearings must determine that the conditions under which the prisoner would be released would not reasonably pose a threat to public safety.

Miscellaneous



AB 1766 (Gaines)
Chapter 364

Placer County Integrated Health and Human Services Pilot Program. Extends by five years (to July 1, 2016) the sunset date for Placer County's integrated health and human services pilot program.

AB 1770 (Galgiani)
Chapter 578

Vital records: fees: Stanislaus County. Until January 1, 2016, authorizes the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to increase the fees for certified copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, fetal death records, and death records up to a maximum of \$2 per record and to annually adjust that amount for inflation. Requires the collected fees to be allocated by the county for purposes relating to domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution.

AB 2167 (Nava)
Chapter 546

Clinical social workers: examination requirements. Enables California's licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) to participate in the federal National Health Services Corps' loan repayment program, by changing the licensure examination requirement for California-licensed LCSWs to be consistent with the national exam.

ACR 110 (Conway)
Chapter 108

Step Up California Month and Step Up California Day. Designates the month of February 2010, and February 2011, as Step Up California Month, designates February 3, 2010, and February 3, 2011, as Step Up California Day, and encourages support of activities relating to the reduction of poverty.

SB 938 (Huff)
Chapter 280

Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality. Under current law, persons such as child protective services workers whose DMV information is expressly listed as confidential can request confidentiality for their spouses, surviving spouses and children. This bill allows disclosure of the home addresses of the spouses, surviving spouses, or children if they were convicted of a crime and are on active parole or probation. The bill requires the person requesting confidentiality for their spouse or child, on or after January 1, 2011, to declare, at the time the request is made, whether their spouse or child has been convicted of a crime and is on active parole or probation.

SB 1055 (Ashburn)
Chapter 282

State Chief Information Officer: fingerprints: criminal history. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to require fingerprint images and associated information from an employee, prospective employee, contractor, subcontractor, volunteer, or vendor whose duties include, or would include, access to confidential or sensitive information.

SB 1222 (Wolk)
Chapter 520

Marriage licenses: fees: domestic violence: Solano County. Until January 1, 2012, authorizes the Solano County Board of Supervisors to increase the fees for certified copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, fetal death records, and death records up to a maximum of \$2 per record and to annually adjust that amount for inflation. Requires the collected fees to be used by the county for oversight and coordination of domestic violence and family violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution efforts.



Vetoed Legislation

AB 114 (Carter)

Juvenile Court Law: Purpose. Revises the objectives of the juvenile justice system to include principles of restorative justice and authorizes communities to adopt restorative justice programs. In his veto message, the Governor stated that he believed the bill is unnecessary, as California's juvenile justice system already includes principles of restorative justice, and communities may implement programs of this nature under current law.

AB 1593 (Yamada)

Adult day health care centers. Would have created an exemption to the existing Medi-Cal certification moratorium to allow the opening of two new, publicly financed, Adult Day Health Centers (ADHCs) at the William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home and the Veterans Home of California, Ventura, contingent on the availability of funds in the Budget Act. In his veto message, the Governor noted that he vetoed similar legislation last year and he continues to be concerned about increased General Fund costs due to the bill.

AB 1914 (Davis)

Public social services: food stamp benefits. Would have clarified when unemployment insurance benefits can be taken into account when calculating a prospective budget for food stamp eligibility purposes. The Governor stated that he vetoed the bill because this clarification could be provided administratively, without legislation being needed, and that an all-county letter was being prepared to accomplish this.

- AB 2018 (Skinner)** **Food stamps: intercounty transfer of benefits.** Would have established a system of intercounty transfer for food stamp recipients who move from one county to another. In his veto message, the Governor noted that identical language was adopted in the omnibus human services trailer bill, rendering the bill unnecessary. *CWDA-sponsored bill.*
- AB 2039 (Logue)** **Placer County integrated health and human services program.** Would have deleted the sunset date for Placer County's integrated program. A subsequent bill was introduced that extended the date by five years, which was signed by the Governor (see AB 1766, Gaines).
- AB 2274 (Beall)** **In-Home Supportive Services program.** Would have clarified state law to make clear that individuals receiving IHSS services via an 1115 waiver have the ability to select any qualified person to deliver those services. In vetoing the bill, the Governor stated that it is unnecessary as "restates current law and long-standing program policy."
- AB 2342 (Evans)** **Foster youth: Outreach programs.** Would have required development and dissemination of specified information for emancipating foster youth. In his veto message, the Governor indicated that he believed the bill was duplicative of work already being done by CDSS and county human services departments.
- AB 2410 (Fuller)** **Child abuse: crime scenes.** Would have expanded the list of drugs for which a joint investigation between law enforcement and social service agencies is triggered when a child is present at a crime scene. In vetoing the bill, the Governor stated his belief that the bill is unnecessary because "law enforcement and social services agencies can already determine whether there is an immediate threat that requires the removal of a child from a drug crime scene without this legislation."
- AB 2698 (Block)** **Foster youth: identity theft.** Would have amended current law requiring credit reports be run for youth nearing emancipating by authorizing CDSS to submit batch requests for these reports, rather than having individual county human services and probation departments submit the requests. The Governor's veto message stated that he vetoed similar legislation last year and his workload concerns were not addressed by this bill.
- SB 933 (Oropeza)** **Debit cards: service fees.** Would have extended existing law that prohibits retailers from imposing a surcharge on credit card purchases to also include debit card purchases, including purchases made with an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card. In his veto message, the Governor expressed concern that the costs for debit card transactions would be shifted onto all consumers through price increases if he signed the bill.

- SB 1091 (Hancock)** **Medi-Cal: individuals in county juvenile detention facilities.** Would have allowed counties, at their option, to draw down federal funds for health services provided to juveniles held in detention facilities prior to adjudication. In his veto message, the Governor stated his belief that the bill as written was not consistent with federal law and would open the state to fiscal liability, but indicated a willingness to work with the author on future legislation to accomplish the goal.
- SB 1166 (Simitian)** **Personal information: privacy.** Would have enacted various requirements regarding noticing and other actions in the event of a data security breach. In his veto message, the Governor indicated that he believes current law regarding data security is working well for consumers.
- SB 1322 (Liu)** **Food Stamp Employment and Training program.** Would have made several changes to Food Stamp Employment and Training program rules, including a mandate that counties offer self-initiated workfare as an option to adults who have a work requirement. In his veto message, the Governor stated that he was “troubled” by this reduction in county flexibility and that he believes mandating self-initiated workfare reduces the “work first” message of the program.
- SB 1329 (Leno)** **Residential care facilities for the elderly.** Would have placed numerous reporting requirements on RCFE facilities in the event of certain finance-related events, such as declaration of bankruptcy. In his veto message, the Governor stated that the bill would create a new unfunded mandate and redirect resources from other health and safety needs.
- SB 1431 (Simitian)** **County Health Initiative Matching Fund.** Would have expanded eligibility for children enrolling in the County Health Initiative Matching Fund program, which uses local funds to match federal Childrens Health Insurance Program funds. In vetoing the bill, the Governor stated that he believed it was unnecessary to expand these programs and that any benefit would be short-lived given the 2014 effective date of the federal health care reform law.