CWDA Online CalWORKs Appraisal Tool TBL

Section XXXXX is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code:

XXXXX. (a) (1) The legislature hereby finds and declares the Online CalWORKs Appraisal Tool (OCAT) is an essential part of CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work case management, and should be integrated into the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS), as the system of record for the CalWORKs program, as expeditiously as possible.

(2) The legislature further finds and declares that the Department of Social Services, in consultation with the Office of Systems Integration, shall expedite any necessary steps to address the current OCAT vendor's claim of intellectual property rights, and obtain any necessary licenses to allow the OCAT functionality to be rebuilt as a service in the SAWS environment.

(b) The integration of OCAT with SAWS shall include, but not be limited to, the exchange of data to prevent the need for duplicate data entry and to alert users to potential data conflicts, as well as to transmit OCAT recommendations to SAWS where they may be used to streamline Welfare-to-Work case management activities and produce reports.