

## 2019 First 5 Association Bill Tracker

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Family Resiliency				
Bill Number	Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 135	Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)	<p><i>Paid Family Leave</i> Current law prohibits an employer with 50 or more employees in a 75 - mile radius to refuse to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee worked 1,250 hours in the prior 12 months. Current law includes within “family care and medical leave” the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child and the serious health condition of the employee’s child, parent, or spouse. This bill would expand the scope of those provisions to instead prohibit an employer with 5 or more employees to refuse to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee had 180 days of service with the employer.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Legal Aid at Work, CA Work &amp; Family Coalition &amp; First 5 CA</i></p>	Support	Senate Floor
AB 1593	Reyes (D-San Bernardino)	<p><i>Personal Income Taxes: earned income credit</i> This bill would require the taxpayer and the qualifying child to have a social security number or a federal individual taxpayer identification number in order to be eligible for the earned income tax credit.</p>	Support	Asm Floor
SB 464	Mitchell (D-LA)	<p><i>CA Dignity in Pregnancy &amp; Childbirth Act</i> This bill would make legislative findings relating to implicit bias and racial disparities in maternal mortality rates. The bill would require a hospital that provides perinatal care, and an alternative birth center or a primary clinic that provides services as an alternative birth center, to implement an implicit bias program, as specified, for all health care providers involved in perinatal care of patients within those facilities. The bill would require the health care provider to complete initial basic training through the program and a refresher course every 2 years thereafter, or on a more frequent basis if deemed necessary by the facility. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	Support	Sen Floor

ACR 1	Bonta (D-Alameda)	<p><i>Immigration: public charges</i></p> <p>This measure would condemn regulations proposed by the Department of Homeland Security to prescribe how a determination of an alien's inadmissibility is made based on the likelihood that the alien will become a public charge. This measure would also urge the federal government to reconsider and roll back the proposed regulations.</p>	Support	Asm Human Services
<b>Comprehensive Health &amp; Development</b>				
AB 1004	McCarty (D-Sacramento)	<p><i>Medi-Cal: Developmental screenings</i></p> <p>Would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services provided as an EPSDT benefit include developmental screening services for individuals zero to 3 years of age, inclusive. The bill would require the department to ensure a Medi-Cal managed care plan's ability and readiness to perform these developmental screening services, and would require the department to adjust a Medi-Cal managed care plan's capitation rate, as specified. Until July 1, 2023, the bill would require an external quality review organization entity to annually review, survey, and report on managed care plan reporting and compliance with specified developmental screening tools and schedules.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by First 5 Association, First 5 LA, Children Now</i></p>	Support; Co-Sponsor	Asm Floor
AB 898	Wicks (D-Berkeley)	<p><i>Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis, and Treatment services: behavioral health</i></p> <p>Currently, less than 5 percent of eligible children receive mental health services under the Medi-Cal program, and fewer than 3 percent receive ongoing clinical treatment. These estimates do not account for the children whose behavioral health needs diverge from strict diagnostic criteria required under EPSDT, many of which affect so many low-income children.</p> <p>This bill would create the Children's Behavioral Health Action Team to identify strategies and ways to connect children to critical behavioral health and EPSDT services. The First 5 Association or a designee is named as one of the 30 stakeholders in this group.</p> <p><i>The bill is sponsored by the California Children's Trust.</i></p>	Support	Asm Floor

AB 526	Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach)	<p><i>Medi-Cal: California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.</i></p> <p>Currently, an estimated 120,000 kids, infants, and pregnant women are enrolled in WIC, but do not receive Medi-Cal benefits, despite eligibility. This bill will establish an expedited pathway for Medi-Cal enrollment based on existing information obtained through WIC. If a WIC applicant does not show Medi-Cal enrollment based on a query to the Medi-Cal database (MEDS), the applicant could initiate Express Lane Eligibility enrollment for Medi-Cal using the WIC eligibility findings.</p> <p><i>The bill is co-sponsored by: Children Now, The Children's Partnership, Children's Defense Fund, and March of Dimes.</i></p>	Support	Asm Floor
<b>Quality Early Learning</b>				
AB 124	McCarty (D-Sacramento)	<p><i>Preschool Facilities Bond Act of 2020</i></p> <p>This bill would enact the Preschool Facilities Bond Act of 2020 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a preschool facility grant program.</p>	Support	<i>This bill was gut and amended. The Prek facilities bond is now part of the K-Community Colleges Facilities bond, AB 48.</i>
AB 125	McCarty (D-Sacramento)	<p><i>Early Childhood Education: reimbursement rates</i></p> <p>This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for childcare, preschool, and early learning services that would achieve specified objectives.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by First 5 CA, CCRC, and EveryChild CA</i></p>	Support	Asm Floor
AB 194	Reyes (D-San Bernardino)	<p>Childcare and development services</p> <p>Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 to immediately improve access to alternative payment programs and general childcare and development programs</p>	Support	Held in Asm Appropriations
AB 197	Weber (D-San Diego)	<p><i>Full-day Kindergarten</i></p> <p>Would require, commencing with the 2022–23 school year, schools in school districts offering kindergarten and charter schools serving pupils in early primary grades to implement a full-day kindergarten program, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would provide that a minimum school day for full-day kindergarten is the same number of minutes per school day that is offered to pupils in 1st grade.</p>	Support	Asm Floor

AB 324	Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters)	<p><i>Childcare services: state subsidized childcare: professional support stipends</i></p> <p>The bill revamps the AB 212 stipend program for subsidized childcare professional development. This bill would require CDE to develop guidelines for the use of these professional support stipends, with the goal of creating guidelines that create a standardized, effective, and measurable funding program, while still allowing for local flexibility. AB 324 would also expand the availability of professional support stipends to all qualified child care providers who work directly with children who receive state-subsidized child care services.</p> <p><i>This bill is sponsored by First 5 CA.</i></p>	Support	Asm Floor
AB 452	Mullin (D-South San Francisco)	<p><i>Childcare, facilities: grants</i></p> <p>Current law requires that a local educational agency or a contracting agency using facilities purchased by the use of funds from the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund be charged a leasing fee, as provided, over a 10-year period. Current law requires title to be transferred from the State of California to the local educational agency or contracting agency upon full repayment of the purchase and relocation costs. Current law requires the Superintendent to deposit all revenue derived from the lease payments or renovation or repair loan repayments into the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund. This bill would repeal that loan program, except as provided, and would require all moneys in the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund as of December 31, 2019, to be transferred to the California Childcare Facilities Grant Fund, which would be established by this bill to fund a grant program administered by the State Department of Education.</p>	Support	Asm Floor
SB 174	Leyva (D-Chino)	<p><i>Early Childhood Education: reimbursement rates</i></p> <p>This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for childcare, preschool, and early learning services that would achieve specified objectives.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by First 5 CA, CCRC, and EveryChild CA</i></p>	Support	Sen Floor

