



**Public Policy Committee
Agenda
2/8/11
10:30 AM**

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- II. Approve January Meeting Minutes
- III. State Budget
 - A. Continued Discussion Governor's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget
 - 1. Proposals from CDD
 - 2. Proposals from LAO
 - B. Report on Senate Budget Hearings
 - C. First 5
- IV. Local Issues
 - A. Determining potential impact on local state subsidized programs
 - B. Effect of RMR reduction on local child care providers
- V. Legislation*
 - A. Kindergarten Entrance Age – Transitional K Clean-Up Bill (SB 30)
 - B. Special Education Funding (AB 39)
 - C. Restoration of CalWORKS Stage 3 (AB 1 & SB 12)
- VI. Federal Issues
 - A. Child Care & Development Block Grant Funding
 - B. Head Start
- VII. Strategic Plan – Implementation Planning
 - A. Review Committee Tasks & Timelines
- VIII. Other
 - A. Elect Committee Chair – **Action Item**

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Legislation*

SB 30 (Simitian) Kindergarten Entrance Age – Transitional K Clean-Up Bill. Kindergarten: age of admission. Existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any time later in the same year if the child will have his or her 5th birthday as specified. This bill SECTION 1. Section 48000 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48000. (a) A child shall be admitted to a kindergarten maintained by the school district at the beginning of a school year, or at a later time in the same year if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before one of the following dates:

- (1) December 2 of the 2011-12 school year.
- (2) November 1 of the 2012-13 school year.
- (3) October 1 of the 2013-14 school year.
- (4) September 1 of the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter.

(b) The governing board of a school district maintaining one or more kindergartens may, on a case-by-case basis, admit to a kindergarten a child having attained the age of five years at any time during the school year with the approval of the parent or guardian, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The governing board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child.
- (2) The parent or guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

(c) As a condition of receipt of *the* apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten program pursuant to subdivision

(g) of Section 46300, a school district or charter school shall ensure the following:

- (1) In the 2012-13 school year, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between November 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.
- (2) In the 2013-14 school year, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between October 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.
- (3) In the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.

(d) For purposes of this section, "transitional kindergarten" means the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

(e) A transitional kindergarten shall not be construed as a new program or higher level of service.

AB 39 (Beall) Special education: funding.

Existing law, the Mental Health Services Act, an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 63, establishes the Mental Health Services Fund to fund specified county mental health programs. The act provides that all moneys in the Mental Health Services Fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Mental Health. The act may be amended only by a 2/3 vote of both houses of the Legislature and only so long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of the act.

This bill would require the department to allocate \$57,000,000 of those moneys to county mental health departments for purposes of providing special education services, thereby making an appropriation. The bill also would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction and county mental health directors to jointly convene a technical working group to develop a transitional program to transfer the responsibilities associated with providing special education services from county mental health departments to the State Department of Education.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the Mental Health Services Act. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately an urgency statute.

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