

EBLC Legislative Report

2020 - 21 Master list of proposed legislation – 2/26/20

Federal - 116th Congress (January 3rd, 2019 - January 3rd, 2021)

Bill #	Author	Overview	Notes	EBLC Status	EBLC Action	Location
H.R. 149	Green	Housing Fairness Act of 2019	To authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes.	Watch		House- Financial Services
H.R. 771	King	Choices in Education Act of 2019	To distribute Federal funds for elementary and secondary education in the form of vouchers for eligible students and to repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in schools.			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 873	Scott	Transformation to Competitive Employment Act	A bill to assist employers providing employment under special certificates issued under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to transform their business and program models, to support individuals with disabilities to transition to competitive integrated employment, to phase out the use of such special certificates, and for other purposes.			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 1342	Dingell	EMPOWER Care Act	To reauthorize the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.			House- Energy and Commerce; Subcommittee on Health
H.R. 1874	Murphy	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that qualified cash or deferred arrangements allow certain long-term employees to participate	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that qualified cash or deferred arrangements allow certain long-term employees to participate.			House- Ways and Means
H.R. 1878	Huffman	IDEA full finding act	To amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 2740	DeLauro	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020	Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes			House- Appropriations
H.R. 3070	Moulton	CAPABILITY Act of 2019	To amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to establish a demonstration program to assist transition-aged youth with covered disabilities in obtaining customized, competitive integrated employment			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 3086	Bonamici	Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and Empower Act of 2019	To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 3373	Titus	Office of International Disability Rights Act	To establish the Office of International Disability Rights, and for other purposes.			House- Foreign Affairs

H.R. 4099	Calvert	ACCESS Act	To amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes.			House- Judiciary; Subcommittee on The Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties
H.R. 4107	DeSaulnier	Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act	To authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.			House- Education and Labor
H.R. 4280	Grijalva	The Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act	To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.			House- Ways and Means; Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support
H.R. 4397	Scott	The Direct CARE Opportunity Act	To award grants for the recruitment, retention, and advancement of direct care workers			House- Education and Labor; House-Energy and Commerce
H.R. 5456	Maloney	Family Medical Leave Modernization Act	To amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to permit leave to care for a domestic partner, parent-in-law, or adult child, or another related individual, who has a serious health condition, and to allow employees to take, as additional leave, parental involvement and family wellness leave to participate in or attend their children's and grandchildren's educational and extracurricular activities or meet family care needs.			House- Education and Labor; House- House Administration; House Oversight and Reform
S. 117	Schumer	Disability Integration Act of 2019	A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.	Support		Senate- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
S. 255	Casey	Disability Employment Incentive Act	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits under the work opportunity credit, increase the work opportunity credit for vocational rehabilitation referrals, qualified SSI recipients, and qualified SSDI recipients, expand the disabled access credit, and enhance the deduction for expenditures to remove architectural and transportation barriers in the handicapped and elderly.			Senate- Finance
S. 260	Casey	Transformation to Competitive Employment Act	A bill to assist employers providing employment under special certificates issued under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to transform their business and program models, to support individuals with disabilities to transition to competitive integrated employment, to phase out the use of such special certificates, and for other purposes.	Watch		Senate- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
S. 266	Reed	Rebuild America's schools act of 2019	A bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.			Senate- Finance
S. 317	Grassley	ACE Kids Act of 2019	A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing coordinated care for children with complex medical conditions through a health home			Senate- Finance
S. 427	Menendez	Autism CARES Act	A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes			Senate- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
S. 548	Portman	EMPOWER Cares Act	A bill to reauthorize the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.			Senate- Finance
S. 995	Collins	The Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019	A bill to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care			Senate-Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

S. 1585	Casey	RISE Act of 2019	A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled			Senate- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
S. 2521	Kaine	Direct CARE Opportunity Act	To award grants for the recruitment, retention, and advancement of direct care workers			Senate- Health, Education, Labor & Pension
S. 3277	Casey	HCBS Infrastructure Improvement Act	A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to strengthen the infrastructure of, access to, and reporting of Medicaid home and community-based services, and for other purposes.			Senate- Finance

2020-2021 State Legislative Session

State Assembly

Bill #	Author	Overview	Notes	EBLC Status	EBLC Action	Location
AB 50	Kalra	Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver program	This bill would require the department to submit, in 2019, to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver program with specified amendments.			Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 177	Low	Adds election day as State Holiday	It would add election day as a State Holiday, which would add an additional day to the Uniform Holiday Schedule.	Watch		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 180	Gipson	Institutional and community corrections: Smart Justice Student Program	This bill would revise references to redevelopment agencies within those housing element provisions to instead refer to housing successor agencies. The bill would also make non-substantive changes.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 192	Mathis	California Integrated Community Living Program	This bill would require the DHCD to set forth minimum criteria for developing and administering a competitive application process to award funding for loans under the bill, as specified.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 226	Mathis	Registration renewal fees: exemptions	This bill would require a fare paid pursuant to a reduced fare transit program to be counted as a full adult fare for purposes of calculating any required ratios of fare revenues to operating costs specified in the act, except for purposes of providing information in a specified annual report to the Controller or providing information to the entity conducting a fiscal or performance audit pursuant to specified provisions.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill

AB 236	Garcia	Special education programs: Family Empowerment Centers on Disability	This bill would revise and recast the provisions related to Family Empowerment Centers on Disability, including requiring the department to give priority to grant applicants in those of the 32 regions in the state that do not have a center, increasing the minimum base rate for each center awarded a grant from \$150,000 to \$223,000 commencing with the start of the fiscal year after a center has been established in each of the 32 regions, and, commencing with the 2021–22 fiscal year, providing for an annual cost-of-living adjustment of the grant amount, as specified.	Support		Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 261	Mathis	Developmental services: Regional centers: Suspension of services	This bill would repeal the above-described suspension of a regional center’s authority to purchase camping services and associated travel expenses, or social recreation activities.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 300	Chu	Hate crime and incident reporting	This bill would require every law enforcement agency to do two things: place a check box on every crime report indicating a suspected hate crime or hate incident, requiring further investigation; and, when an officer checks the box, requiring the officer to complete supplemental report form allowing a follow-up investigation and, if there is a suspect, criminal prosecution.	Support		Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 301	Chu	Hate crimes	Establishes legislative intent to implement all the recommendations of the 2018 State Auditor’s report, “Hate Crimes in California: Law Enforcement Has Not Adequately Identified, Reported, or Responded to Hate Crimes.” Mr. Chu and the civil rights coalition succeeded in getting the performance audit ordered in 2017, winning him The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration’s “Leadership for Change” award.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 311	Frazier	Regional centers: Billing: Daily rates	Existing law requires activity centers, adult development centers, behavior management programs, and other look-alike day programs with a daily rate to bill regional centers for services provided to consumers in terms of 1/2 days of service and full days of service. This bill would repeal those provisions relating to daily rate billing.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 316	Ramos	Medi-Cal: Benefits: beneficiaries with special dental care needs	This bill would require the department to implement a payment adjustment to Medi-Cal providers who render dental services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, as specified.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 438	Frazier	Regional center services: holidays	Would repeal the additional 4 days imposed during the recession	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 536	Frazier	Eligibility age change	Raises the age of eligibility for Regional Center Services from 18 to 22 years of age.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 598	Bloom	Hearing aids: Minors	This bill would require a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, to include coverage for hearing aids, as defined, for an enrollee or insured under 18 years of age, as specified.			Held at desk
AB 641	Frazier	Developmental services: integrated competitive employment	Authorizes community-based vocational development services and allows Tailored Day Services for WAP’s and SE-Group.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill

AB 680	Chu	Public safety dispatchers: Mental Health training	This bill would additionally require the commission to adopt 2 mental health training courses for local public safety dispatchers that cover specified topics, including recognizing indicators of mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or substance use disorders, and conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques. The bill would require the basic training course to consist of a minimum of 4 hours and the continuing training course to consist of a minimum of one hour.		SL 3.21.19	Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 812	Frazier	Creates Office of Inspector General	Would create an Office of Developmental Services Inspector General to monitor DDS and Regional Centers.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 813	Frazier	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Creates an alternative dispute resolution process for consumers who are unsatisfied with services offered to IPP.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 1169	Frazier	Personal income taxes: Credit: employer: Qualified wages	The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, in an amount equal to 40% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable year for qualified wages of qualified employees, not to exceed \$6,000 per qualified employee. The bill would define "qualified employee" to mean an employee that is hired on or after January 1, 2019, and who is a vocational rehabilitation referral, qualified SSI recipient, or qualified SSDI recipient.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 1434	Kalra	Public social services: SSI/SSP	This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2020 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment provided to an individual or a married couple that does not equal or exceed 100% of the 2019 federal poverty level to be increased to an amount that equals 100% of the federal poverty level.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
AB 2024	Holden	Public social services: SSI/SSP	This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2020 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment provided to an individual or a married couple that does not equal or exceed 100% of the 2019 federal poverty level to be increased to an amount that equals 100% of the federal poverty level.			Assembly: Human Services
AB 2146	Chiu	Public University Dental School Intergovernmental Transfer Program	This bill will authorize public university dental schools to enter into an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services and the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This agreement will allow schools to capture federal matching dollars, maximizing public dollars to treat dental patients with special needs without an impact to California's general fund.			Assembly

SL- Support Letter; OL – Opposition Letter; OR – Outreach

State Senate

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SB 50	Wiener	Planning and zoning: Housing development: Equitable communities incentive	The bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.			Senate:

SB 140	Stern	Specialized license plates: The Endless Summer	The bill would also require that projects and programs funded by these provisions be accessible to youth from low- and middle-income households lacking access to coastal resources and to youth with disabilities.			Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
SB 214	Dodd	The Community Living with Choice, Independence, and Dignity Act	This bill would require the department to implement CCT, as authorized under federal law pursuant to the terms of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration.	Support		Assembly: Appropriations
SB 263	Dodd	CALABLE change	Would conform CAL-ABLE program to changes in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.			Senate: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
SB 412	Stone	Developmental Services: Fees	Under current law, a program called the “Family Cost Participation Program” requires regional centers to pay for less respite, daycare, and camp (now suspended) than a child needs based on family income. Families are expected to pay the difference. A separate, income-based fee program called the “Annual Family Program Fee” charges parents of children receiving other services. These fees were created to raise money for the state during the Recession, making them, essentially, taxes on disability. This bill repeals these disability taxes. By doing so, it removes an artificial barrier to critical services for people with developmental disabilities and their families.	Support	SL 8.7.19	Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
SB 683	Grove	Allegation submission process	Requires DDS and RC’s to create a means for submission of allegations of improper Regional center activity, DDS must develop standard internet format to be used by all RC’s.			Assembly: Appropriations Suspense File 2-year bill
SB 721	Stone	New rate methodology	Requires DDS to develop & implement a new rate methodology that utilizes quality and performance measures to compensate providers on or before 6/30/21.			Senate: Human Services
SB 1062	Durazo	Developmental centers: sheltered workshops: minimum wage	This bill would prohibit the payment of remuneration to residents engaged in work at a developmental center shelter workshop from being less than the rate required under specified federal, state, or local minimum wage law, whichever is higher.			Senate
SB 1063	Durazo	Developmental services: competitive integrated employment	This bill would replace inconsistent terminology with the term “competitive integrated employment” and define “competitive integrated employment” for these purposes.			Senat
SB 1108	Hueso	Senior and disability victimization	This bill, on or before July 1, 2022, and periodically thereafter, would require the commission, in consultation with subject matter experts, to review and, if necessary, update its training materials relating to senior and disability victimization.			Senate
SB 1118	Caballero	Multifamily Housing Program	This bill would include among the evaluative criteria whether the projects allocate 25% of units for individuals with disabilities who receive regional center services or in-home supportive services.			Senate
SB 1264	Hurtado	Developmental services: authorized representative	This bill would define “authorized representative” for purposes of the act to mean an individual appointed by the state council pursuant to the above-mentioned authorization, except as otherwise provided, and would make conforming changes.			Senate

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