

2017 Legislation for Children, Youth, and Families

October 15 was the last day for Governor Jerry Brown to sign bills for the 2017 Legislative session. A number of the newly signed bills relate to children, youth, and families and may have an impact on our Alameda County children and youth population, including:



Healthy

- Physical Health
AB 1316 expands the definition of lead poisoning
- AB 10** requires public schools serving low-income students to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades 6-12.
- Mental Health
AB 340 expands screenings for children impacted by trauma and adds the provision to include screening for trauma in the ESDPT program.
- AB 1340** educating physicians in early identification of mental health issues and exposure to trauma in children and young adults and their appropriate care and treatment.
- Nutrition
AB 214 improves access to the Cal-Fresh program for low-income college students.
- SB 250** ends school meal shaming for students with outstanding lunch balances.
- SB 138** enables the automatic enrollment of students into school meal programs through Medi-Cal Direct Certification and ensures high-poverty schools make free breakfast and lunch available to all students.



Safe

- Child Welfare
SB 213 bars homes with adults who have been convicted of violent felonies from being a licensed foster care provider or certified resource family and prohibits placement of a child in unlicensed or uncertified home.
- Housing/Homelessness
Governor Brown signed a number of bills relating to housing, many of which will have impacts of children and youth, including: **AB 1521** (maintenance of affordability restrictions on expiring affordable rental properties), **AB 1598** (allows cities and counties to create affordable housing authority), and **SB 2** (Building Homes and Jobs Act)
- Juvenile Justice
SB 190 abolishes administrative fees for juveniles under home detention
- SB 438** supports permanent, stable homes for juvenile court dependents
- Immigration
SB 54 limits local law enforcement communication with immigration authorities and prevents officers from questioning and holding people on immigration violations
- AB 699** prohibits schools from collecting information about immigration status and ensures educational equity for all students regardless of immigration status.



Thriving

- Child/Family Poverty
AB 1520 establishes the statewide Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force (AB 1520)
- AB 480** provides diapers for CalWORKs families.
- Education
AB 19 Community College Promise: ensures 1 year of tuition-free enrollment.
- AB 1124** ensures that students in juvenile court schools receive diplomas if eligible and/or are provided the opportunity to re-enroll in their home school and take advantage of other educational opportunities.
- AB 1604** Permits a CalWORKs recipient to participate in a high school equivalency program prior to other activities.
- Early Care and Education
AB 435 Alameda County Pilot cleanup bill expands eligibility to include alternative payment programs in the pilot.
- AB 273** adds enrollment in ESL classes as a criteria for eligibility for subsidized early care and education program participation
- AB 752** prohibits expulsion from state-funded ECE programs without proper attempt to maintain safe participation.
- SB 63** Ensures at least 12 weeks of unpaid parental leave.