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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 260**

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**Introduced by Senator Menjivar**

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Skinner, and Wahab*)**

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An act to amend Section ~~11323.2~~ *11450* of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 260, as amended, Menjivar. ~~CalWORKs: supportive services: aid payments.~~

*Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program under which, through a combination of state and county funds and federal funds received through the TANF program, each county provides cash assistance and other benefits, including allowances for other purposes such as pregnancy, homeless assistance, and recurring special needs, to qualified low-income families.*

*This bill would, beginning April 1, 2025, make a menstruating person who is qualified for aid under the CalWORKs program and between*

*10 and 55 years of age, inclusive, entitled to \$20 per month to assist with menstrual product costs. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to work with the County Welfare Directors Association of California and the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to develop and implement the necessary system changes on or before April 1, 2025. By increasing the duties of counties administering the CalWORKs program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

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*This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.*

~~Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals. Existing law generally requires a recipient of CalWORKs benefits to participate in welfare-to-work activities as a condition of eligibility for aid. Existing law requires that necessary supportive services be available to participants in welfare-to-work activities, including childcare, diaper and transportation costs, and ancillary expenses, including tools and clothing specifically required for the job, to enable them to participate in a program activity or to accept or maintain employment.~~

~~This bill would include menstrual product costs as a necessary supportive service, and, on and after April 1, 2025, would make a member of an authorized assistance unit who is between 10 and 55 years of age, inclusive, eligible for \$20 per month to assist with menstrual product costs for a person who is menstruating. By increasing the duties of counties administering the CalWORKs program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations by January 1, 2025, to implement the provisions regarding menstrual product costs, and would require~~

the department to implement those provisions through all-county letters until regulations are adopted.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 11450 of the Welfare and Institutions  
2 Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 715 of the Statutes of  
3 2022, is amended to read:

4 11450. (a) (1) (A) Aid shall be paid for each needy family,  
5 which shall include all eligible children of each eligible applicant  
6 or recipient child and the parents of the children, but shall not  
7 include a fetus, or recipients of aid under Chapter 3 (commencing  
8 with Section 12000), qualified for aid under this chapter. In  
9 determining the amount of aid paid, and notwithstanding the  
10 minimum basic standards of adequate care specified in Section  
11 11452, the family’s income, exclusive of any amounts considered  
12 exempt as income or paid pursuant to subdivision (e) or Section  
13 11453.1, determined for the prospective semiannual period  
14 pursuant to Sections 11265.1, 11265.2, and 11265.3, and then  
15 calculated pursuant to Section 11451.5, shall be deducted from  
16 the sum specified in the following table, as adjusted for  
17 cost-of-living increases pursuant to Section 11453 and paragraph  
18 (2). In no case shall the amount of aid paid for each month exceed  
19 the sum specified in the following table, as adjusted for  
20 cost-of-living increases pursuant to Section 11453 and paragraph  
21 (2), plus any special needs, as specified in subdivisions (c), (e),  
22 and (f):

1	Number of	
2	eligible needy	
3	persons in	Maximum
4	the same home	aid
5	1.....	\$ 326
6	2.....	535
7	3.....	663
8	4.....	788
9	5.....	899
10	6.....	1,010
11	7.....	1,109
12	8.....	1,209
13	9.....	1,306
14	10 or more.....	1,403

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 16 (B) If, when, and during those times that the United States  
 17 government increases or decreases its contributions in assistance  
 18 of needy children in this state above or below the amount paid on  
 19 July 1, 1972, the amounts specified in the above table shall be  
 20 increased or decreased by an amount equal to that increase or  
 21 decrease by the United States government, provided that no  
 22 increase or decrease shall be subject to subsequent adjustment  
 23 pursuant to Section 11453.

24 (2) The sums specified in paragraph (1) shall not be adjusted  
 25 for cost of living for the 1990–91, 1991–92, 1992–93, 1993–94,  
 26 1994–95, 1995–96, 1996–97, and 1997–98 fiscal years, and through  
 27 October 31, 1998, nor shall that amount be included in the base  
 28 for calculating any cost-of-living increases for any fiscal year  
 29 thereafter. Elimination of the cost-of-living adjustment pursuant  
 30 to this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements of former Section  
 31 11453.05, and no further reduction shall be made pursuant to that  
 32 section.

33 (b) (1) (A) Until the date that paragraph (2) is effective, if the  
 34 family does not include a needy child qualified for aid under this  
 35 chapter, aid shall be paid to a pregnant child who is 18 years of  
 36 age or younger at any time after verification of pregnancy, in the  
 37 amount that would otherwise be paid to one person, as specified  
 38 in subdivision (a), if the pregnant child and the child, if born, would  
 39 have qualified for aid under this chapter. Verification of pregnancy

1 shall be required as a condition of eligibility for aid under this  
2 paragraph.

3 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), and until the date that  
4 paragraph (2) is effective, if the family does not include a needy  
5 child qualified for aid under this chapter, aid shall be paid to a  
6 pregnant person for the month in which the birth is anticipated and  
7 for the six-month period immediately prior to the month in which  
8 the birth is anticipated, in the amount that would otherwise be paid  
9 to one person, as specified in subdivision (a), if the pregnant person  
10 and child, if born, would have qualified for aid under this chapter.  
11 Verification of pregnancy is required as a condition of eligibility  
12 for aid under this paragraph.

13 (2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if the family does not  
14 include a needy child qualified for aid under this chapter, aid shall  
15 be paid to a pregnant person as of the date of the application for  
16 aid, in the amount that would otherwise be paid to one person, as  
17 specified in subdivision (a), if the pregnant person or the child, if  
18 born, would have qualified for aid under this chapter. Verification  
19 of pregnancy shall be required as a condition of eligibility for aid  
20 under this paragraph.

21 (B) A pregnant person may provide verification of pregnancy  
22 as required in subparagraph (A) by means of a sworn statement  
23 or, if necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of  
24 pregnancy shall be submitted within 30 working days following  
25 submission of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for benefits  
26 to continue. If the applicant fails to submit medical verification of  
27 pregnancy within 30 working days, the county human services  
28 agency shall continue aid when the applicant presents evidence of  
29 good faith efforts to comply with this requirement.

30 (C) (i) A person who receives aid pursuant to this paragraph  
31 shall report to the county, orally or in writing, within 30 days  
32 following the end of their pregnancy.

33 (ii) Aid for persons under this paragraph shall discontinue at  
34 the end of the month following the month in which the person  
35 reports the end of their pregnancy to the county human services  
36 agency.

37 (iii) Prior to discontinuing aid for a person under this paragraph  
38 due to the end of their pregnancy, the county human services  
39 agency shall provide information about, and referral to, mental

1 health services, including, but not limited to, services provided by  
2 the county human services agency, when appropriate.

3 (D) This paragraph shall take effect on July 1, 2022, or on the  
4 date that the department notifies the Legislature that the California  
5 Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary  
6 automation to implement this paragraph, whichever date is later.

7 (c) (1) The amount of forty-seven dollars (\$47) per month shall  
8 be paid to a pregnant person qualified for aid under subdivision  
9 (a) or (b) to meet the special needs resulting from pregnancy if the  
10 pregnant person and child, if born, would have qualified for aid  
11 under this chapter. The county human services agency shall require  
12 a pregnant person to provide medical verification of pregnancy.  
13 The county human services agency shall refer all recipients of aid  
14 under this subdivision to a local provider of the California Special  
15 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children,  
16 and, commencing October 1, 2023, to perinatal home visiting  
17 services administered by the county public health agency, county  
18 human services agency, or applicable county home visiting  
19 provider. If that payment to a pregnant person qualified for aid  
20 under subdivision (a) is considered income under federal law in  
21 the first five months of pregnancy, payments under this subdivision  
22 do not apply to a person eligible under subdivision (a), except for  
23 the month in which birth is anticipated and for the three-month  
24 period immediately prior to the month in which delivery is  
25 anticipated, if the pregnant person and child, if born, would have  
26 qualified for aid under this chapter.

27 (2) A pregnant person may provide the verification of pregnancy  
28 required by paragraph (1) by means of a sworn statement or, if  
29 necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of pregnancy  
30 shall be submitted within 30 working days following submission  
31 of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for the pregnancy  
32 special need benefit to continue. If the pregnant person fails to  
33 submit medical verification of pregnancy within 30 working days,  
34 the county human services agency shall continue the benefit when  
35 the applicant presents evidence of good faith efforts to comply  
36 with this requirement.

37 (3) Beginning May 1, 2022, or on the date that the department  
38 notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide Automated  
39 Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to

1 implement this paragraph, the special needs payment described in  
2 paragraph (1) shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.

3 (4) Beginning July 1, 2022, or on the date that the department  
4 notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide Automated  
5 Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to  
6 implement this paragraph, the special needs payment described in  
7 this subdivision shall discontinue at the end of the month following  
8 the month in which a person reports the end of their pregnancy to  
9 the county human services agency.

10 (d) For children receiving AFDC-FC under this chapter, there  
11 shall be paid, exclusive of any amount considered exempt as  
12 income, an amount of aid each month that, if added to the child's  
13 income, is equal to the rate specified in Section 11460, 11461,  
14 11462, 11462.1, or 11463. In addition, the child is eligible for  
15 special needs, as specified in departmental regulations.

16 (e) In addition to the amounts payable under subdivision (a)  
17 and former Section 11453.1, a family is entitled to receive an  
18 allowance for recurring special needs not common to a majority  
19 of recipients. These recurring special needs include, but are not  
20 limited to, special diets upon the recommendation of a physician  
21 for circumstances other than pregnancy, and unusual costs of  
22 transportation, laundry, housekeeping services, telephone, and  
23 utilities. The recurring special needs allowance for each family  
24 per month shall not exceed that amount resulting from multiplying  
25 the sum of ten dollars (\$10) by the number of recipients in the  
26 family who are eligible for assistance.

27 (f) (1) After a family has used all available liquid resources,  
28 both exempt and nonexempt, in excess of one hundred dollars  
29 (\$100), with the exception of funds deposited in a restricted account  
30 described in subdivision (a) of Section 11155.2, the family is also  
31 entitled to receive an allowance for nonrecurring special needs.  
32 This paragraph does not apply to the allowance for nonrecurring  
33 special needs for homeless assistance pursuant to subparagraph  
34 (A) of paragraph (3).

35 (2) An allowance for nonrecurring special needs shall be granted  
36 for replacement of clothing and household equipment and for  
37 emergency housing needs other than those needs addressed by  
38 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3). These needs shall be caused  
39 by sudden and unusual circumstances beyond the control of the  
40 needy family. The department shall establish the allowance for

1 each of the nonrecurring special needs items. The sum of all  
2 nonrecurring special needs provided by this subdivision shall not  
3 exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per event.

4 (3) (A) (i) An allowance for nonrecurring special needs for  
5 homeless assistance is available to a family that is homeless and  
6 seeking shelter when the family is eligible for aid under this  
7 chapter.

8 (ii) (I) Homeless assistance for temporary shelter is also  
9 available to families that are homeless and seeking shelter that are  
10 apparently eligible for aid under this chapter. Apparent eligibility  
11 exists when evidence presented by the applicant, or that is  
12 otherwise available to the county human services agency, and the  
13 information provided on the application documents indicate that  
14 there would be eligibility for aid under this chapter if the evidence  
15 and information were verified. However, a noncitizen applicant  
16 who does not provide verification of their eligible immigrant status,  
17 or a person with no eligible children who does not provide  
18 verification of their pregnancy, is not apparently eligible for  
19 purposes of this section.

20 (II) A pregnant person may provide verification of pregnancy,  
21 as required in subclause (I), by means of a sworn statement or, if  
22 necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of pregnancy  
23 shall be submitted within 30 working days following submission  
24 of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for benefits to continue.  
25 If the applicant fails to submit medical verification of pregnancy  
26 within 30 working days, the county human services agency shall  
27 continue aid when the applicant presents evidence of good faith  
28 efforts to comply with this requirement.

29 (iii) Homeless assistance for temporary shelter is also available  
30 to families that are homeless and seeking shelter that would be  
31 eligible for aid under this chapter but for the fact that the only child  
32 or children in the family are in out-of-home placement pursuant  
33 to an order of the dependency court, if the family is receiving  
34 reunification services and the county determines that homeless  
35 assistance is necessary for reunification to occur.

36 (B) A family is considered homeless, for the purpose of this  
37 section, when the family lacks a fixed and regular nighttime  
38 residence, the family has a primary nighttime residence that is a  
39 supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to  
40 provide temporary living accommodations, or the family is residing



1 in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
2 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. A family is  
3 also considered homeless for the purpose of this section if the  
4 family has received a notice to pay rent or quit.

5 (4) (A) (i) A nonrecurring special needs benefit of eighty-five  
6 dollars (\$85) a day shall be available to families of up to four  
7 members for the costs of temporary shelter, subject to the  
8 requirements of this paragraph. The fifth and additional members  
9 of the family shall each receive fifteen dollars (\$15) per day, up  
10 to a daily maximum of one hundred forty-five dollars (\$145).  
11 County human services agencies may increase the daily amount  
12 available for temporary shelter as necessary to secure the additional  
13 bedspace needed by the family.

14 (ii) This special needs benefit shall be granted or denied the  
15 same day as the family's application for homeless assistance, and  
16 benefits shall be available for up to three working days. Upon  
17 applying for homeless assistance, the family shall provide a sworn  
18 statement that the family is homeless. If the family meets the  
19 criteria of questionable homelessness, which means that there is  
20 reason to suspect that the family has permanent housing, the county  
21 human services agency shall refer the family to its early fraud  
22 prevention and detection unit, if the county has such a unit, for  
23 assistance in the verification of homelessness within this period.

24 (iii) After homelessness has been verified, the three-day limit  
25 shall be extended for a period of time that, when added to the initial  
26 benefits provided, does not exceed a total of 16 calendar days.  
27 This extension of benefits shall be done in increments of one week,  
28 and shall be based upon searching for permanent housing, which  
29 shall be documented on a housing search form, good cause, or  
30 other circumstances defined by the department. Documentation  
31 of a housing search is required for the initial extension of benefits  
32 beyond the three-day limit and on a weekly basis thereafter if the  
33 family is receiving temporary shelter benefits. Good cause shall  
34 include, but is not limited to, situations in which the county human  
35 services agency has determined that the family, to the extent it is  
36 capable, has made a good faith but unsuccessful effort to secure  
37 permanent housing while receiving temporary shelter benefits or  
38 that the family is homeless as a direct and primary result of a state  
39 or federally declared disaster.

1 (iv) Notwithstanding clauses (ii) and (iii), the county may waive  
2 the three-day limit and may provide benefits in increments of more  
3 than one week for a family that becomes homeless as a direct and  
4 primary result of a state or federally declared disaster.

5 (B) (i) A nonrecurring special needs benefit for permanent  
6 housing assistance is available to pay for last month's rent and  
7 security deposits if these payments are conditions of securing a  
8 residence, or to pay for up to two months of rent arrearages, if  
9 these payments are a reasonable condition of preventing eviction.

10 (ii) The last month's rent or monthly arrearage portion of the  
11 payment shall meet both of the following requirements:

12 (I) It shall not exceed 80 percent of the family's total monthly  
13 household income without the value of CalFresh benefits or special  
14 needs benefit for a family of that size.

15 (II) It shall only be made to families that have found permanent  
16 housing costing no more than 80 percent of the family's total  
17 monthly household income without the value of CalFresh benefits  
18 or special needs benefit for a family of that size.

19 (iii) However, if the county human services agency determines  
20 that a family intends to reside with individuals who will be sharing  
21 housing costs, the county human services agency shall, in  
22 appropriate circumstances, set aside the condition specified in  
23 subclause (II) of clause (ii).

24 (C) The nonrecurring special needs benefit for permanent  
25 housing assistance is also available to cover the standard costs of  
26 deposits for utilities that are necessary for the health and safety of  
27 the family.

28 (D) A payment for, or denial of, permanent housing assistance  
29 shall be issued no later than one working day from the time that a  
30 family presents evidence of the availability of permanent housing.  
31 If an applicant family provides evidence of the availability of  
32 permanent housing before the county human services agency has  
33 established eligibility for aid under this chapter, the county human  
34 services agency shall complete the eligibility determination so that  
35 the payment for, or denial of, permanent housing assistance is  
36 issued within one working day from the submission of evidence  
37 of the availability of permanent housing, unless the family has  
38 failed to provide all of the verification necessary to establish  
39 eligibility for aid under this chapter.

1 (E) (i) Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), eligibility  
2 for the temporary shelter assistance and the permanent housing  
3 assistance pursuant to this paragraph is limited to the number of  
4 days allowable under subparagraph (A) for temporary shelter  
5 assistance and one payment of permanent housing assistance every  
6 12 months. A person who applies for homeless assistance benefits  
7 shall be informed that, with certain exceptions, the temporary  
8 shelter benefit is limited to the number of days allowable under  
9 subparagraph (A) for the 12-month period.

10 (ii) (I) A family that becomes homeless as a direct and primary  
11 result of a state or federally declared disaster is eligible for  
12 homeless assistance.

13 (II) If there is a state or federally declared disaster in a county,  
14 the county human services agency shall coordinate with public  
15 and private disaster response organizations and agencies to identify  
16 and inform recipients of their eligibility for homeless assistance  
17 available pursuant to subclause (H).

18 (iii) A family is eligible for homeless assistance if homelessness  
19 is a direct result of domestic violence by a spouse, partner, or  
20 roommate; physical or mental illness that is medically verified that  
21 shall not include a diagnosis of alcoholism, drug addiction, or  
22 psychological stress; or the uninhabitability of the former residence  
23 caused by sudden and unusual circumstances beyond the control  
24 of the family, including natural catastrophe, fire, or condemnation.  
25 These circumstances shall be verified by a third-party governmental  
26 or private health and human services agency, except that domestic  
27 violence may also be verified by a sworn statement by the victim,  
28 as provided under Section 11495.25. Homeless assistance payments  
29 based on these specific circumstances may not be received more  
30 often than once in any 12-month period. In addition, if the domestic  
31 violence is verified by a sworn statement by the victim, the  
32 homeless assistance payments shall be limited to two periods of  
33 not more than 16 cumulative calendar days of temporary shelter  
34 assistance and two payments of permanent housing assistance. A  
35 county may require that a recipient of homeless assistance benefits  
36 who qualifies under this paragraph for a second time in a 24-month  
37 period participate in a homelessness avoidance case plan as a  
38 condition of eligibility for homeless assistance benefits. However,  
39 commencing October 1, 2023, a county may require participation  
40 in that homelessness avoidance case plan as a condition of

1 eligibility only if the county has also provided a housing navigation  
2 caseworker who can assist with securing permanent housing and  
3 housing case management services. The county human services  
4 agency shall immediately inform recipients who verify domestic  
5 violence by a sworn statement of the availability of domestic  
6 violence counseling and services, and refer those recipients to  
7 services upon request.

8 (iv) If a county requires a recipient who verifies domestic  
9 violence by a sworn statement to participate in a homelessness  
10 avoidance case plan pursuant to clause (iii), the plan shall include  
11 the provision of domestic violence services, if appropriate.

12 (v) If a recipient seeking homeless assistance based on domestic  
13 violence pursuant to clause (iii) has previously received homeless  
14 avoidance services based on domestic violence, the county shall  
15 review whether services were offered to the recipient and consider  
16 what additional services would assist the recipient in leaving the  
17 domestic violence situation.

18 (vi) The county human services agency shall report necessary  
19 data to the department through a statewide homeless assistance  
20 payment indicator system, as requested by the department,  
21 regarding all recipients of aid under this paragraph.

22 (F) Payments to providers for temporary shelter and permanent  
23 housing and utilities shall be made on behalf of families requesting  
24 these payments.

25 (G) The daily amount for the temporary shelter special needs  
26 benefit for homeless assistance may be increased if authorized by  
27 the current year's Budget Act by specifying a different daily  
28 allowance and appropriating the funds therefor.

29 (H) A payment shall not be made pursuant to this paragraph  
30 unless the provider of housing is any of the following:

31 (i) A commercial establishment.

32 (ii) A shelter.

33 (iii) A person with whom, or an establishment with which, the  
34 family requesting assistance has executed a valid lease, sublease,  
35 or shared housing agreement.

36 (I) (i) A CalWORKs applicant who provides a sworn statement  
37 of past or present domestic abuse and who is fleeing their abuser  
38 is deemed to be homeless and is eligible for temporary shelter  
39 assistance under clause (i) of subparagraph (A) and under

1 subparagraph (E), notwithstanding any income and assets  
2 attributable to the alleged abuser.

3 (ii) The homeless assistance payments issued under this  
4 subparagraph shall be granted the same day as the family's  
5 application, and benefits shall be available in increments of 16  
6 days of temporary shelter assistance pursuant to clause (i) of  
7 subparagraph (A). The homeless assistance payments shall be  
8 limited to two periods of not more than 16 cumulative calendar  
9 days each of temporary shelter assistance within the applicant's  
10 lifetime. The second 16-day period shall continue to be available  
11 when the applicant becomes a CalWORKs recipient during the  
12 first 16-day period. The homeless assistance payments issued under  
13 this subparagraph shall be in addition to other payments for which  
14 the CalWORKs applicant, if the applicant becomes a CalWORKs  
15 recipient, may later qualify under this subdivision.

16 (iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the housing search  
17 documentation described in clause (iii) of subparagraph (A) shall  
18 be required only upon issuance of an immediate need payment  
19 pursuant to Section 11266 or the issuance of benefits for the month  
20 of application.

21 (g) *(1) Beginning April 1, 2025, a menstruating person qualified*  
22 *for aid under this chapter who is between 10 and 55 years of age,*  
23 *inclusive, is entitled to receive an allowance of twenty dollars*  
24 *(\$20) per month to assist with the necessary menstrual product*  
25 *costs for a person who is menstruating. The allowance for each*  
26 *family per month shall not exceed that amount resulting from*  
27 *multiplying the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) by the number of*  
28 *recipients in the family who are eligible for assistance pursuant*  
29 *to this subdivision.*

30 (2) *The department shall work with the County Welfare*  
31 *Directors Association of California and the California Statewide*  
32 *Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to develop and implement*  
33 *the necessary system changes to implement this subdivision. The*  
34 *necessary system changes shall be implemented on or before April*  
35 *1, 2025.*

36 ~~(g)~~

37 (h) The department shall establish rules and regulations ensuring  
38 the uniform statewide application of this section.

39 ~~(h)~~

1 (i) The department shall notify all applicants and recipients of  
 2 aid through the standardized application form that these benefits  
 3 are available and shall provide an opportunity for recipients to  
 4 apply for the funds quickly and efficiently.

5 ~~(i)~~

6 (j) The department shall work with county human services  
 7 agencies, the County Welfare Directors Association of California,  
 8 and advocates of CalWORKs recipients to gather information  
 9 regarding the actual costs of a nightly shelter and best practices  
 10 for transitioning families from a temporary shelter to permanent  
 11 housing, and to provide that information to the Legislature, to be  
 12 submitted annually in accordance with Section 9795 of the  
 13 Government Code.

14 ~~(j)~~

15 (k) (1) Except for the purposes of Section 15200, the amounts  
 16 payable to recipients pursuant to Section 11453.1 shall not  
 17 constitute part of the payment schedule set forth in subdivision  
 18 (a).

19 (2) The amounts payable to recipients pursuant to Section  
 20 11453.1 shall not constitute income to recipients of aid under this  
 21 section.

22 ~~(k)~~

23 (l) For children receiving Kin-GAP pursuant to Article 4.5  
 24 (commencing with Section 11360) or Article 4.7 (commencing  
 25 with Section 11385), there shall be paid, exclusive of any amount  
 26 considered exempt as income, an amount of aid each month, which,  
 27 when added to the child's income, is equal to the rate specified in  
 28 Sections 11364 and 11387.

29 ~~(l)~~

30 (m) (1) A county shall implement the semiannual reporting  
 31 requirements in accordance with Chapter 501 of the Statutes of  
 32 2011 no later than October 1, 2013.

33 (2) Upon completion of the implementation described in  
 34 paragraph (1), each county shall provide a certificate to the director  
 35 certifying that semiannual reporting has been implemented in the  
 36 county.

37 (3) Upon filing the certificate described in paragraph (2), a  
 38 county shall comply with the semiannual reporting provisions of  
 39 this section.

40 ~~(m)~~

1 (n) (1) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the  
2 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with  
3 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
4 Code), the State Department of Social Services may implement  
5 and administer this section by means of all-county letters or similar  
6 instructions from the department until regulations are adopted.  
7 These all-county letters or similar written instructions shall have  
8 the same force and effect as regulations until the adoption of  
9 regulations.

10 (2) The department shall adopt emergency regulations no later  
11 than 18 months following the completion of all necessary  
12 automation to implement this section. The department may readopt  
13 any emergency regulation authorized by this section that is the  
14 same as, or substantially equivalent to, an emergency regulation  
15 previously adopted under this section.

16 (3) The initial adoption of emergency regulations pursuant to  
17 this section and one readoption of emergency regulations shall be  
18 deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare.  
20 Initial emergency regulations and the one readoption of emergency  
21 regulations authorized by this section shall be exempt from review  
22 by the Office of Administrative Law. The initial emergency  
23 regulations and the one readoption of emergency regulations  
24 authorized by this section shall be submitted to the Office of  
25 Administrative Law for filing with the Secretary of State and each  
26 shall remain in effect for no more than 180 days, by which time  
27 final regulations shall be adopted.

28 ~~(n)~~

29 (o) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2021, or on  
30 the date the department notifies the Legislature that the Statewide  
31 Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation  
32 to implement this section, whichever date is later.

33 ~~(o)~~

34 (p) Notwithstanding subdivision (n), the individual changes  
35 imposed by the act adding this section that result in a cost shall  
36 become operative only if necessary funds are appropriated for  
37 these changes in the annual Budget Act or another statute for these  
38 purposes.

39 ~~(p)~~

1 (q) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2024, or  
 2 on the date the department notifies the Legislature that the  
 3 Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary  
 4 automation to implement Section 11450, as added by Section 3 of  
 5 the act that added this subdivision, whichever date is later, and is  
 6 repealed on January 1 of the following year.

7 *SEC. 2. Section 11450 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,*  
 8 *as added by Section 3 of Chapter 715 of the Statutes of 2022, is*  
 9 *amended to read:*

10 11450. (a) (1) (A) Aid shall be paid for each needy family,  
 11 which shall include all eligible children of each eligible applicant  
 12 or recipient child and the parents of the children, but shall not  
 13 include a fetus, or recipients of aid under Chapter 3 (commencing  
 14 with Section 12000), qualified for aid under this chapter. In  
 15 determining the amount of aid paid, and notwithstanding the  
 16 minimum basic standards of adequate care specified in Section  
 17 11452, the family’s income, exclusive of any amounts considered  
 18 exempt as income or paid pursuant to subdivision (e) or Section  
 19 11453.1, determined for the prospective semiannual period  
 20 pursuant to Sections 11265.1, 11265.2, and 11265.3, and then  
 21 calculated pursuant to Section 11451.5, shall be deducted from  
 22 the sum specified in the following table, as adjusted for  
 23 cost-of-living increases pursuant to Section 11453 and paragraph  
 24 (2). In no case shall the amount of aid paid for each month exceed  
 25 the sum specified in the following table, as adjusted for  
 26 cost-of-living increases pursuant to Section 11453 and paragraph  
 27 (2), plus any special needs, as specified in subdivisions (c), (e),  
 28 and (f):

29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	Number of	eligible needy	persons in	the same home		Maximum	aid				
	1.....				\$	326					
	2.....					535					
	3.....					663					
	4.....					788					
	5.....					899					
	6.....					1,010					
	7.....					1,109					



1	Number of	
2	eligible needy	
3	persons in	Maximum
4	the same home	aid
5	8.....	1,209
6	9.....	1,306
7	10 or more.....	1,403

8  
9 (B) If, when, and during those times that the United States  
10 government increases or decreases its contributions in assistance  
11 of needy children in this state above or below the amount paid on  
12 July 1, 1972, the amounts specified in the above table shall be  
13 increased or decreased by an amount equal to that increase or  
14 decrease by the United States government, provided that no  
15 increase or decrease shall be subject to subsequent adjustment  
16 pursuant to Section 11453.

17 (2) The sums specified in paragraph (1) shall not be adjusted  
18 for cost of living for the 1990–91, 1991–92, 1992–93, 1993–94,  
19 1994–95, 1995–96, 1996–97, and 1997–98 fiscal years, and through  
20 October 31, 1998, nor shall that amount be included in the base  
21 for calculating any cost-of-living increases for any fiscal year  
22 thereafter. Elimination of the cost-of-living adjustment pursuant  
23 to this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements of former Section  
24 11453.05, and no further reduction shall be made pursuant to that  
25 section.

26 (b) (1) (A) Until the date that paragraph (2) is effective, if the  
27 family does not include a needy child qualified for aid under this  
28 chapter, aid shall be paid to a pregnant child who is 18 years of  
29 age or younger at any time after verification of pregnancy, in the  
30 amount that would otherwise be paid to one person, as specified  
31 in subdivision (a), if the pregnant child and the child, if born, would  
32 have qualified for aid under this chapter. Verification of pregnancy  
33 shall be required as a condition of eligibility for aid under this  
34 paragraph.

35 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), and until the date that  
36 paragraph (2) is effective, if the family does not include a needy  
37 child qualified for aid under this chapter, aid shall be paid to a  
38 pregnant person for the month in which the birth is anticipated and  
39 for the six-month period immediately prior to the month in which  
40 the birth is anticipated, in the amount that would otherwise be paid

1 to one person, as specified in subdivision (a), if the pregnant person  
2 and child, if born, would have qualified for aid under this chapter.  
3 Verification of pregnancy is required as a condition of eligibility  
4 for aid under this paragraph.

5 (2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if the family does not  
6 include a needy child qualified for aid under this chapter, aid shall  
7 be paid to a pregnant person as of the date of the application for  
8 aid, in the amount that would otherwise be paid to one person, as  
9 specified in subdivision (a), if the pregnant person or the child, if  
10 born, would have qualified for aid under this chapter. Verification  
11 of pregnancy shall be required as a condition of eligibility for aid  
12 under this paragraph.

13 (B) A pregnant person may provide verification of pregnancy  
14 as required in subparagraph (A) by means of a sworn statement  
15 or, if necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of  
16 pregnancy shall be submitted within 30 working days following  
17 submission of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for benefits  
18 to continue. If the applicant fails to submit medical verification of  
19 pregnancy within 30 working days, the county human services  
20 agency shall continue aid when the applicant presents evidence of  
21 good faith efforts to comply with this requirement.

22 (C) (i) A person who receives aid pursuant to this paragraph  
23 shall report to the county, orally or in writing, within 30 days  
24 following the end of their pregnancy.

25 (ii) Aid for persons under this paragraph shall discontinue at  
26 the end of the month following the month in which the person  
27 reports the end of their pregnancy to the county human services  
28 agency.

29 (iii) Prior to discontinuing aid for a person under this paragraph  
30 due to the end of their pregnancy, the county human services  
31 agency shall provide information about, and referral to, mental  
32 health services, including, but not limited to, services provided by  
33 the county human services agency, when appropriate.

34 (D) This paragraph shall take effect on July 1, 2022, or on the  
35 date that the department notifies the Legislature that the California  
36 Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary  
37 automation to implement this paragraph, whichever date is later.

38 (c) (1) The amount of forty-seven dollars (\$47) per month shall  
39 be paid to a pregnant person qualified for aid under subdivision  
40 (a) or (b) to meet the special needs resulting from pregnancy if the

1 pregnant person and child, if born, would have qualified for aid  
2 under this chapter. The county human services agency shall require  
3 a pregnant person to provide medical verification of pregnancy.  
4 The county human services agency shall refer all recipients of aid  
5 under this subdivision to a local provider of the California Special  
6 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children,  
7 and perinatal home visiting services administered by the county  
8 public health agency, county human services agency, or applicable  
9 county home visiting provider. If that payment to a pregnant person  
10 qualified for aid under subdivision (a) is considered income under  
11 federal law in the first five months of pregnancy, payments under  
12 this subdivision do not apply to a person eligible under subdivision  
13 (a), except for the month in which birth is anticipated and for the  
14 three-month period immediately prior to the month in which  
15 delivery is anticipated, if the pregnant person and child, if born,  
16 would have qualified for aid under this chapter.

17 (2) A pregnant person may provide the verification of pregnancy  
18 required by paragraph (1) by means of a sworn statement or, if  
19 necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of pregnancy  
20 shall be submitted within 30 working days following submission  
21 of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for the pregnancy  
22 special need benefit to continue. If the pregnant person fails to  
23 submit medical verification of pregnancy within 30 working days,  
24 the county human services agency shall continue the benefit when  
25 the applicant presents evidence of good faith efforts to comply  
26 with this requirement.

27 (3) Beginning May 1, 2022, or on the date that the department  
28 notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide Automated  
29 Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to  
30 implement this paragraph, the special needs payment described in  
31 paragraph (1) shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.

32 (4) Beginning July 1, 2022, or on the date that the department  
33 notifies the Legislature that the California Statewide Automated  
34 Welfare System can perform the necessary automation to  
35 implement this paragraph, the special needs payment described in  
36 this subdivision shall discontinue at the end of the month following  
37 the month in which a person reports the end of their pregnancy to  
38 the county human services agency.

39 (d) For children receiving AFDC-FC under this chapter, there  
40 shall be paid, exclusive of any amount considered exempt as

1 income, an amount of aid each month that, if added to the child's  
2 income, is equal to the rate specified in Section 11460, 11461,  
3 11462, 11462.1, or 11463. In addition, the child is eligible for  
4 special needs, as specified in departmental regulations.

5 (e) In addition to the amounts payable under subdivision (a)  
6 and former Section 11453.1, a family is entitled to receive an  
7 allowance for recurring special needs not common to a majority  
8 of recipients. These recurring special needs include, but are not  
9 limited to, special diets upon the recommendation of a physician  
10 for circumstances other than pregnancy, and unusual costs of  
11 transportation, laundry, housekeeping services, telephone, and  
12 utilities. The recurring special needs allowance for each family  
13 per month shall not exceed that amount resulting from multiplying  
14 the sum of ten dollars (\$10) by the number of recipients in the  
15 family who are eligible for assistance.

16 (f) (1) After a family has used all available liquid resources,  
17 both exempt and nonexempt, in excess of one hundred dollars  
18 (\$100), with the exception of funds deposited in a restricted account  
19 described in subdivision (a) of Section 11155.2, the family is also  
20 entitled to receive an allowance for nonrecurring special needs.  
21 This paragraph does not apply to the allowance for nonrecurring  
22 special needs for homeless assistance pursuant to subparagraph  
23 (A) of paragraph (3).

24 (2) An allowance for nonrecurring special needs shall be granted  
25 for replacement of clothing and household equipment and for  
26 emergency housing needs other than those needs addressed by  
27 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3). These needs shall be caused  
28 by sudden and unusual circumstances beyond the control of the  
29 needy family. The department shall establish the allowance for  
30 each of the nonrecurring special needs items. The sum of all  
31 nonrecurring special needs provided by this subdivision shall not  
32 exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per event.

33 (3) (A) (i) An allowance for nonrecurring special needs for  
34 homeless assistance is available to a family that is homeless and  
35 seeking shelter when the family is eligible for aid under this  
36 chapter.

37 (ii) (I) Homeless assistance for temporary shelter is also  
38 available to families that are homeless and seeking shelter that are  
39 apparently eligible for aid under this chapter. Apparent eligibility  
40 exists when evidence presented by the applicant, or that is

1 otherwise available to the county human services agency, and the  
2 information provided on the application documents indicate that  
3 there would be eligibility for aid under this chapter if the evidence  
4 and information were verified. However, a noncitizen applicant  
5 who does not provide verification of their eligible immigrant status,  
6 or a person with no eligible children who does not provide  
7 verification of their pregnancy, is not apparently eligible for  
8 purposes of this section.

9 (II) A pregnant person may provide verification of pregnancy,  
10 as required in subclause (I), by means of a sworn statement or, if  
11 necessary, a verbal attestation. Medical verification of pregnancy  
12 shall be submitted within 30 working days following submission  
13 of the sworn statement or verbal attestation for benefits to continue.  
14 If the applicant fails to submit medical verification of pregnancy  
15 within 30 working days, the county human services agency shall  
16 continue aid when the applicant presents evidence of good faith  
17 efforts to comply with this requirement.

18 (iii) Homeless assistance for temporary shelter is also available  
19 to families that are homeless and seeking shelter that would be  
20 eligible for aid under this chapter but for the fact that the only child  
21 or children in the family are in out-of-home placement pursuant  
22 to an order of the dependency court, if the family is receiving  
23 reunification services and the county determines that homeless  
24 assistance is necessary for reunification to occur.

25 (B) A family is considered homeless, for the purpose of this  
26 section, when the family lacks a fixed and regular nighttime  
27 residence, the family has a primary nighttime residence that is a  
28 supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to  
29 provide temporary living accommodations, or the family is residing  
30 in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
31 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. A family is  
32 also considered homeless for the purpose of this section if the  
33 family has received a notice to pay rent or quit, or any notice that  
34 could lead to an eviction, regardless of the circumstances cited in  
35 the notice.

36 (4) (A) (i) A nonrecurring special needs benefit of eighty-five  
37 dollars (\$85) a day shall be available to families of up to four  
38 members for the costs of temporary shelter, subject to the  
39 requirements of this paragraph. The fifth and additional members  
40 of the family shall each receive fifteen dollars (\$15) per day, up

1 to a daily maximum of one hundred forty-five dollars (\$145).  
2 County human services agencies may increase the daily amount  
3 available for temporary shelter as necessary to secure the additional  
4 bedspace needed by the family.

5 (ii) This special needs benefit shall be granted or denied the  
6 same day as the family's application for homeless assistance, and  
7 benefits shall be available for up to three working days. Upon  
8 applying for homeless assistance, the family shall provide a sworn  
9 statement that the family is homeless. If the family meets the  
10 criteria of questionable homelessness, which means that there is  
11 reason to suspect that the family has permanent housing, the county  
12 human services agency shall refer the family to its early fraud  
13 prevention and detection unit, if the county has such a unit, for  
14 assistance in the verification of homelessness within this period.

15 (iii) After homelessness has been verified, the three-day limit  
16 shall be extended for a period of time that, when added to the initial  
17 benefits provided, does not exceed a total of 16 calendar days.  
18 This extension of benefits shall be done in increments of one week,  
19 and shall be based upon searching for permanent housing, which  
20 shall be documented on a housing search form, good cause, or  
21 other circumstances defined by the department. Documentation  
22 of a housing search is required for the initial extension of benefits  
23 beyond the three-day limit and on a weekly basis thereafter if the  
24 family is receiving temporary shelter benefits. Good cause shall  
25 include, but is not limited to, situations in which the county human  
26 services agency has determined that the family, to the extent it is  
27 capable, has made a good faith but unsuccessful effort to secure  
28 permanent housing while receiving temporary shelter benefits or  
29 that the family is homeless as a direct and primary result of a state  
30 or federally declared disaster.

31 (iv) Notwithstanding clauses (ii) and (iii), the county may waive  
32 the three-day limit and may provide benefits in increments of more  
33 than one week for a family that becomes homeless as a direct and  
34 primary result of a state or federally declared disaster.

35 (B) (i) A nonrecurring special needs benefit for permanent  
36 housing assistance is available to pay for last month's rent and  
37 security deposits if these payments are conditions of securing a  
38 residence, or to pay for up to two months of rent arrearages, if  
39 these payments are a reasonable condition of preventing eviction.

1 (ii) The last month's rent or monthly arrearage portion of the  
2 payment shall meet both of the following requirements:

3 (I) It shall not exceed 80 percent of the family's total monthly  
4 household income without the value of CalFresh benefits or special  
5 needs benefit for a family of that size.

6 (II) It shall only be made to families that have found permanent  
7 housing costing no more than 80 percent of the family's total  
8 monthly household income without the value of CalFresh benefits  
9 or special needs benefit for a family of that size.

10 (iii) However, if the county human services agency determines  
11 that a family intends to reside with individuals who will be sharing  
12 housing costs, the county human services agency shall, in  
13 appropriate circumstances, set aside the condition specified in  
14 subclause (II) of clause (ii).

15 (C) The nonrecurring special needs benefit for permanent  
16 housing assistance is also available to cover the standard costs of  
17 deposits for utilities that are necessary for the health and safety of  
18 the family.

19 (D) A payment for, or denial of, permanent housing assistance  
20 shall be issued no later than one working day from the time that a  
21 family presents evidence of the availability of permanent housing.  
22 If an applicant family provides evidence of the availability of  
23 permanent housing before the county human services agency has  
24 established eligibility for aid under this chapter, the county human  
25 services agency shall complete the eligibility determination so that  
26 the payment for, or denial of, permanent housing assistance is  
27 issued within one working day from the submission of evidence  
28 of the availability of permanent housing, unless the family has  
29 failed to provide all of the verification necessary to establish  
30 eligibility for aid under this chapter.

31 (E) (i) Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), eligibility  
32 for the temporary shelter assistance and the permanent housing  
33 assistance pursuant to this paragraph is limited to the number of  
34 days allowable under subparagraph (A) for temporary shelter  
35 assistance and one payment of permanent housing assistance every  
36 12 months. A person who applies for homeless assistance benefits  
37 shall be informed that, with certain exceptions, the temporary  
38 shelter benefit is limited to the number of days allowable under  
39 subparagraph (A) for the 12-month period.

1 (ii) (I) A family that becomes homeless as a direct and primary  
2 result of a state or federally declared disaster is eligible for  
3 homeless assistance.

4 (II) If there is a state or federally declared disaster in a county,  
5 the county human services agency shall coordinate with public  
6 and private disaster response organizations and agencies to identify  
7 and inform recipients of their eligibility for homeless assistance  
8 available pursuant to subclause (H).

9 (iii) A family is eligible for homeless assistance if homelessness  
10 is a direct result of domestic violence by a spouse, partner, or  
11 roommate, including, but not limited to, a parent or child with  
12 whom they were living; physical or mental illness that is medically  
13 verified that shall not include a diagnosis of alcoholism, drug  
14 addiction, or psychological stress; or the uninhabitability of the  
15 former residence caused by sudden and unusual circumstances  
16 beyond the control of the family, including natural catastrophe,  
17 fire, or condemnation. These circumstances shall be verified by a  
18 third-party governmental or private health and human services  
19 agency, except that domestic violence may also be verified by a  
20 sworn statement by the victim, as provided under Section 11495.25.  
21 Homeless assistance payments based on these specific  
22 circumstances may not be received more often than once in any  
23 12-month period. In addition, if the domestic violence is verified  
24 by a sworn statement by the victim, the homeless assistance  
25 payments shall be limited to two periods of not more than 16  
26 cumulative calendar days of temporary shelter assistance and two  
27 payments of permanent housing assistance. A county may require  
28 that a recipient of homeless assistance benefits who qualifies under  
29 this paragraph for a second time in a 24-month period participate  
30 in a homelessness avoidance case plan as a condition of eligibility  
31 for homeless assistance benefits, but only if the county has also  
32 provided a housing navigation caseworker who can assist with  
33 securing permanent housing and housing case management  
34 services. The county human services agency shall immediately  
35 inform recipients who verify domestic violence by a sworn  
36 statement of the availability of domestic violence counseling and  
37 services, and refer those recipients to services upon request.

38 (iv) If a county requires a recipient who verifies domestic  
39 violence by a sworn statement to participate in a homelessness



1 avoidance case plan pursuant to clause (iii), the plan shall include  
2 the provision of domestic violence services, if appropriate.

3 (v) If a recipient seeking homeless assistance based on domestic  
4 violence pursuant to clause (iii) has previously received homeless  
5 avoidance services based on domestic violence, the county shall  
6 review whether services were offered to the recipient and consider  
7 what additional services would assist the recipient in leaving the  
8 domestic violence situation.

9 (vi) The county human services agency shall report necessary  
10 data to the department through a statewide homeless assistance  
11 payment indicator system, as requested by the department,  
12 regarding all recipients of aid under this paragraph.

13 (F) Payments to providers for temporary shelter and permanent  
14 housing and utilities shall be made on behalf of families requesting  
15 these payments.

16 (G) The daily amount for the temporary shelter special needs  
17 benefit for homeless assistance may be increased if authorized by  
18 the current year's Budget Act by specifying a different daily  
19 allowance and appropriating the funds therefor.

20 (H) A payment shall not be made pursuant to this paragraph  
21 unless the provider of housing is any of the following:

22 (i) A commercial establishment.

23 (ii) A shelter.

24 (iii) A person with whom, or an establishment with which, the  
25 family requesting assistance has executed a valid lease, sublease,  
26 or shared housing agreement.

27 (I) (i) A CalWORKs applicant who provides a sworn statement  
28 of past or present domestic abuse and who is fleeing their abuser  
29 is deemed to be homeless and is eligible for temporary shelter  
30 assistance under clause (i) of subparagraph (A) and under  
31 subparagraph (E), notwithstanding any income and assets  
32 attributable to the alleged abuser.

33 (ii) The homeless assistance payments issued under this  
34 subparagraph shall be granted the same day as the family's  
35 application, and benefits shall be available in increments of 16  
36 days of temporary shelter assistance pursuant to clause (i) of  
37 subparagraph (A). The homeless assistance payments shall be  
38 limited to two periods of not more than 16 cumulative calendar  
39 days each of temporary shelter assistance within the applicant's  
40 lifetime. The second 16-day period shall continue to be available

1 when the applicant becomes a CalWORKs recipient during the  
2 first 16-day period. The homeless assistance payments issued under  
3 this subparagraph shall be in addition to other payments for which  
4 the CalWORKs applicant, if the applicant becomes a CalWORKs  
5 recipient, may later qualify under this subdivision.

6 (iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the housing search  
7 documentation described in clause (iii) of subparagraph (A) shall  
8 be required only upon issuance of an immediate need payment  
9 pursuant to Section 11266 or the issuance of benefits for the month  
10 of application.

11 (g) (1) *Beginning April 1, 2025, a menstruating person qualified*  
12 *for aid under this chapter who is between 10 and 55 years of age,*  
13 *inclusive, is entitled to receive an allowance of twenty dollars*  
14 *(\$20) per month to assist with the necessary menstrual product*  
15 *costs for a person who is menstruating. The allowance for each*  
16 *family per month shall not exceed that amount resulting from*  
17 *multiplying the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) by the number of*  
18 *recipients in the family who are eligible for assistance pursuant*  
19 *to this subdivision.*

20 (2) *The department shall work with the County Welfare*  
21 *Directors Association of California and the California Statewide*  
22 *Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to develop and implement*  
23 *the necessary system changes to implement this subdivision. The*  
24 *necessary system changes shall be implemented on or before April*  
25 *1, 2025.*

26 ~~(g)~~

27 (h) The department shall establish rules and regulations ensuring  
28 the uniform statewide application of this section.

29 ~~(h)~~

30 (i) The department shall notify all applicants and recipients of  
31 aid through the standardized application form that these benefits  
32 are available and shall provide an opportunity for recipients to  
33 apply for the funds quickly and efficiently.

34 ~~(i)~~

35 (j) The department shall work with county human services  
36 agencies, the County Welfare Directors Association of California,  
37 and advocates of CalWORKs recipients to gather information  
38 regarding the actual costs of a nightly shelter and best practices  
39 for transitioning families from a temporary shelter to permanent  
40 housing, and to provide that information to the Legislature, to be

1 submitted annually in accordance with Section 9795 of the  
2 Government Code.

3 ~~(j)~~

4 (k) (1) Except for the purposes of Section 15200, the amounts  
5 payable to recipients pursuant to Section 11453.1 shall not  
6 constitute part of the payment schedule set forth in subdivision

7 (a).

8 (2) The amounts payable to recipients pursuant to Section  
9 11453.1 shall not constitute income to recipients of aid under this  
10 section.

11 ~~(k)~~

12 (l) For children receiving Kin-GAP pursuant to Article 4.5  
13 (commencing with Section 11360) or Article 4.7 (commencing  
14 with Section 11385), there shall be paid, exclusive of any amount  
15 considered exempt as income, an amount of aid each month, which,  
16 when added to the child's income, is equal to the rate specified in  
17 Sections 11364 and 11387.

18 ~~(l)~~

19 (m) (1) A county shall implement the semiannual reporting  
20 requirements in accordance with Chapter 501 of the Statutes of  
21 2011 no later than October 1, 2013.

22 (2) Upon completion of the implementation described in  
23 paragraph (1), each county shall provide a certificate to the director  
24 certifying that semiannual reporting has been implemented in the  
25 county.

26 (3) Upon filing the certificate described in paragraph (2), a  
27 county shall comply with the semiannual reporting provisions of  
28 this section.

29 ~~(m)~~

30 (n) (1) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the  
31 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with  
32 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
33 Code), the State Department of Social Services may implement  
34 and administer this section by means of all-county letters or similar  
35 instructions from the department until regulations are adopted.  
36 These all-county letters or similar written instructions shall have  
37 the same force and effect as regulations until the adoption of  
38 regulations.

39 (2) The department shall adopt emergency regulations no later  
40 than 18 months following the completion of all necessary

1 automation to implement this section. The department may readopt  
2 any emergency regulation authorized by this section that is the  
3 same as, or substantially equivalent to, an emergency regulation  
4 previously adopted under this section.

5 (3) The initial adoption of emergency regulations pursuant to  
6 this section and one readoption of emergency regulations shall be  
7 deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare.  
9 Initial emergency regulations and the one readoption of emergency  
10 regulations authorized by this section shall be exempt from review  
11 by the Office of Administrative Law. The initial emergency  
12 regulations and the one readoption of emergency regulations  
13 authorized by this section shall be submitted to the Office of  
14 Administrative Law for filing with the Secretary of State and each  
15 shall remain in effect for no more than 180 days, by which time  
16 final regulations shall be adopted.

17 (n)

18 (o) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2024, or on  
19 the date the department notifies the Legislature that the Statewide  
20 Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation  
21 to implement this section, whichever date is later.

22 *SEC. 3. No appropriation pursuant to Section 15200 of the*  
23 *Welfare and Institutions Code shall be made for purposes of*  
24 *implementing this act.*

25 *SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*  
26 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*  
27 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*  
28 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*  
29 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

30 ~~SECTION 1. Section 11323.2 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
31 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

32 ~~11323.2. (a) Necessary supportive services shall be offered~~  
33 ~~and available to every participant to enable them to participate in~~  
34 ~~a program activity or to accept or maintain employment. Necessary~~  
35 ~~supportive services shall also be offered and available to every~~  
36 ~~individual who is not required to participate, but chooses to~~  
37 ~~participate voluntarily, to allow them to participate in a program~~  
38 ~~activity or to accept or maintain employment. A participant who~~  
39 ~~is required to participate and who does not receive necessary~~  
40 ~~supportive services shall have good cause for not participating~~

1 under subdivision (f) of Section 11320.3. Supportive services shall  
2 be listed in the welfare-to-work plan or other agreement entered  
3 into between the county and participant pursuant to this article,  
4 and supportive services shall include all of the following:

5 (1) ~~Childdcare.~~

6 (A) ~~Paid childdcare shall be available to every participant with~~  
7 ~~a dependent child in the household who needs paid childdcare if~~  
8 ~~the child is 12 years of age or under, or requires childdcare or~~  
9 ~~supervision due to a physical, mental, or developmental disability~~  
10 ~~or other similar condition as verified by the county welfare~~  
11 ~~department, or who is under court supervision. A county welfare~~  
12 ~~department may verify the need for childdcare or supervision for a~~  
13 ~~child over 12 years of age from an individualized education plan~~  
14 ~~or a statement from a qualified professional that the child is a child~~  
15 ~~with exceptional needs, as defined in Section 10213.5. A sanctioned~~  
16 ~~participant shall have access to childdcare pursuant to this section~~  
17 ~~if the participant has indicated intent to engage in a program~~  
18 ~~activity or employment, but has not yet participated.~~

19 (B) ~~First-stage childdcare, as described in Chapter 21~~  
20 ~~(commencing with Section 10370) of Part 1.8, shall be full time,~~  
21 ~~unless the participant determines that part-time care better meets~~  
22 ~~the family's needs. Upon establishing initial or ongoing eligibility~~  
23 ~~for first-stage childdcare services under this chapter, a family shall~~  
24 ~~be considered to meet all eligibility and need requirements and be~~  
25 ~~authorized for not less than 12 months, or until the participant is~~  
26 ~~transferred to the second stage of childdcare. This shall apply to~~  
27 ~~every participant who indicates a need for childdcare in order to~~  
28 ~~engage in a program activity or employment. A participant may,~~  
29 ~~at any time, indicate a new or increased need for childdcare and the~~  
30 ~~information shall be used, as applicable, to authorize childdcare in~~  
31 ~~accordance with this subparagraph or increase the family's services.~~

32 (C) ~~Necessary childdcare services shall be available to every~~  
33 ~~former recipient for up to two years, pursuant to Chapter 21~~  
34 ~~(commencing with Section 10370) of Part 1.8. Beginning January~~  
35 ~~1, 2021, or the date that automation changes occur, as required for~~  
36 ~~implementation, in the Statewide Automated Welfare System,~~  
37 ~~whichever date is later, in the 18th month following the date of~~  
38 ~~last receipt of aid, the county shall send a notice, via mail to the~~  
39 ~~last known address, text message, or email, to a former recipient~~  
40 ~~who is not currently receiving second or third stage childdcare~~

1 informing them that their eligibility for stage-two childcare will  
2 expire by the end of the 24th month following their last receipt of  
3 aid, and how to obtain stage-two childcare services. The department  
4 shall issue an all-county letter or similar directive by November  
5 1, 2019, to implement this subparagraph, until regulations are  
6 adopted.

7 ~~(D) A child in foster care receiving benefits under Title IV-E~~  
8 ~~of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 670 et seq.), or~~  
9 ~~a child who would become a dependent child except for the receipt~~  
10 ~~of federal Supplemental Security Income benefits pursuant to Title~~  
11 ~~XVI of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1381 et~~  
12 ~~seq.), or a child who is not a member of the assistance unit but for~~  
13 ~~whom the recipient is responsible for providing support, shall be~~  
14 ~~deemed to be a dependent child for the purposes of this paragraph.~~

15 ~~(E) The provision of care and payment rates under this paragraph~~  
16 ~~shall be governed by Chapter 21 (commencing with Section 10370)~~  
17 ~~of Part 1.8. Parent fees shall be governed by Sections 10271 and~~  
18 ~~10291.~~

19 ~~(F) For purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B), a participant~~  
20 ~~includes an individual who is not required to participate, and~~  
21 ~~expresses an intent to participate voluntarily, or a sanctioned~~  
22 ~~participant who indicates an intent to engage in any program~~  
23 ~~activity, as defined in subdivision (c), or employment. After~~  
24 ~~securing childcare services, to document their commitment to~~  
25 ~~participate, a participant shall sign a welfare-to-work plan or a~~  
26 ~~curing plan, whichever is appropriate, or other agreement that may~~  
27 ~~be developed and approved for use on a statewide basis by the~~  
28 ~~department.~~

29 ~~(2) Diaper costs:~~

30 ~~(A) On and after April 1, 2018, a participant who is participating~~  
31 ~~in a welfare-to-work plan shall be eligible for thirty dollars (\$30)~~  
32 ~~per month to assist with diaper costs for each child who is under~~  
33 ~~36 months of age.~~

34 ~~(B) The department shall adopt regulations by January 1, 2020,~~  
35 ~~to implement this paragraph. Notwithstanding the rulemaking~~  
36 ~~provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5~~  
37 ~~(commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title~~  
38 ~~2 of the Government Code), the department shall implement this~~  
39 ~~paragraph through all-county letters until regulations are adopted.~~

40 ~~(3) Menstrual product costs:~~

1 ~~(A) On and after April 1, 2025, a member of an authorized~~  
2 ~~assistance unit who is between 10 and 55 years of age, inclusive,~~  
3 ~~shall be eligible for twenty dollars (\$20) per month to assist with~~  
4 ~~the necessary menstrual product costs for a person who is~~  
5 ~~menstruating.~~

6 ~~(B) The department shall adopt regulations by January 1, 2025,~~  
7 ~~to implement this paragraph. Notwithstanding the rulemaking~~  
8 ~~provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5~~  
9 ~~(commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title~~  
10 ~~2 of the Government Code), the department shall implement this~~  
11 ~~paragraph through all-county letters until regulations are adopted.~~

12 ~~(4) Transportation costs, which shall be governed by regional~~  
13 ~~market rates as determined in accordance with regulations~~  
14 ~~established by the department.~~

15 ~~(5) Ancillary expenses, which shall include the cost of books,~~  
16 ~~tools, clothing specifically required for the job, fees, and other~~  
17 ~~necessary costs.~~

18 ~~(6) Personal counseling. A participant who has personal or~~  
19 ~~family problems that would affect the outcome of the~~  
20 ~~welfare-to-work plan entered into pursuant to this article shall, to~~  
21 ~~the extent available, receive necessary counseling and related~~  
22 ~~supportive services, to help the participant and the participant's~~  
23 ~~family adjust to the participant's job or training assignment.~~

24 ~~(b) If provided in a county plan, the county may continue to~~  
25 ~~provide case management and supportive services under this~~  
26 ~~section to former participants who become employed. The county~~  
27 ~~may provide these services for up to the first 12 months of~~  
28 ~~employment to the extent they are not available from other sources~~  
29 ~~and are needed for the individual to retain the employment.~~

30 ~~(c) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a),~~  
31 ~~“program activity” includes, but is not limited to, any~~  
32 ~~welfare-to-work activity, orientation, appraisal, assessment, job~~  
33 ~~search, job club, domestic violence services, court appearances,~~  
34 ~~housing searches and classes, homeless support programs, shelter~~  
35 ~~participation requirements, eviction proceedings, mental health~~  
36 ~~services, including therapy or personal counseling, home visiting,~~  
37 ~~drug and substance abuse services, parenting classes, and medical~~  
38 ~~or education-related appointments for the participant or their~~  
39 ~~dependents.~~

1     ~~SEC. 2. No appropriation pursuant to Section 15200 of the~~  
2     ~~Welfare and Institutions Code shall be made for purposes of~~  
3     ~~implementing this act.~~

4     ~~SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~  
5     ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~  
6     ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
7     ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
8     ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~