



California Association of Adoption Agencies
2009-10 Legislation
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BILL	AUTHOR/SPONSOR	CONTENT	POSITION	STATUS
AB 47	Ma and Niello	Increases the State tax credit for 50% costs of up to \$5000, for adoption of any US legal resident child in the custody of a public agency in California, who is over 12 or has been in residential or group home for 6 months out of the 18 months prior to adoption completed.	Current: Recommend:	Under submission. No change
AB 12	Bass and Beall	This bill expands existing law to include the continued placement of a non-minor child up to age 21, to conform with new federal law allowing for support of minors up to age 21 in the foster care system.	Current: Recommend:	Passed ASM Appropriations committee 1/21/10. In Senate.
AB 372	Ma	Would provide for any adoptee at least age 25, who was born in CA, to receive original birth certificate from the State Registrar upon receipt of a written application. Birth parent may request a contact preference form from the State Registrar, and require the State Registrar to attach it to the birth certificate issued. Require the State Registrar to receive and file updated medical information from the birth parent in a prescribed format, and to issue receipt of that updated medical history.	Current: WASH SUPPORT This bill has been amended from the original. According to our last meeting, we should support.	Held in suspension in ASM Appropriations – possibly due to financial concerns NO CHANGE
AB 421	Ma	Expands placement opportunities for seriously emotionally disturbed children to out of state, privately owned residential facilities that meet applicable licensing requirement, and it organized and operated on a for-profit basis, if specified conditions are met.	Current: Tend to support. Did not take a firm position at meeting.	Held in ASM Appropriations under submission. NO CHANGE

AB 743	Portantino	Placement of siblings together unless show convincing evidence that keeping them together would be detrimental to their wellbeing. Requires justification of separation of siblings.	Current: WATCH	In Senate, first reading. 1/28/10
AB 973	Strickland	Prohibits peace officer from taking a newborn into custody from hospital without a warrant if the child is subject of adoption plan; declaration signed by adoptive parents or representative or licensed agency to notify county CWS if adoption plan is terminated.	Current:	Passed out of ASM App. In Senate first reading 1/28/10
AB 1048	Torrigo	Expands Safe Surrender from 72 hours to 30 days. Funded through State Children's Trust Fund. Allow State Department to accept donations to fund.	Current: OPPOSE -I WILL WRITE TO GOVERNOR TO VETO. Evan B. Donaldson Institute is writing also.	Still withdrawn but two-year bill and could come back. Actually can go to Gov. in August with no further action.
AB 1049	Torrigo	Allow individual taxpayers to donate to Safely Surrendered Baby Fund to fund various programs carrying out the State's Safely Surrendered Baby Law.	This bill supports AB 1048. Position?	Governor vetoed. Veto upheld so far.
AB 1642	Beall	Declare the intent of the legislature to take advantage of federal Family Connections options.		New -- needs to be fleshed out.
SB 118	Liu	Insures that incarcerated parent receives services required by the court to reunify that parent with his or child; case plan to include specified information about the parent's incarceration in determining reasonable services to be offered..	Current: WATCH	Passed out of Assembly Appropriations 8-27-09

	Liu	Extension of MedCal benefits to independent foster care adolescents as defined in federal law -- if this is enacted as per the new Federal bill --- deemed eligible for benefits and automatically enrolled without requiring new application and without interruption in coverage; develop a simple form for annual redetermination of benefits.	Current: SUPPORT	Held in committee under submission NO CHANGE
SB 452	Dutton	BVS to enter Birth certificate information into CWSCMS system, and notification of county protective services if birth parent has history of abuse, neglect or maltreatment for follow up.	No position	No action since April
SB 543	Leno	Consent to mental health treatment by a minor age 12 or older under certain circumstances.	Information Only	Inactive file 1/10
SB 597	Liu	Diligent search for relatives for placement; county access to Federal Parent Locator Service through State; expand foster care to over 18; information on federal tax credit for adoption; requires State to apply for Federal matching grant for Family Connection Grant; child welfare and foster parent training;	This was amended. Looks like AB 1402 and other bills that contain similar provisions.	Chaptered 10/09