

The Assembly Subcommittee on Education met on May 26, 2021. *This very important hearing included the following provisions that EveryChild California has been advocating for since the Governor's budget was released in January.*

• Adopt Rate Reform and Rate Increases: The Assembly is proposing the following:

- Adopt placeholder trailer bill language to fund all CSPP and CCTR contracts at the 85th percentile of the 2018 RMR and adopt rate reform policy.
- Provide an additional \$234 million in ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for the State Preschool Program in 2021-22 and \$468 million ongoing. Provide an additional \$145.2 million in non-Proposition 98 General Fund for the non-LEA State Preschool Program in 2021-22 and \$290.5 million ongoing.

• Adopt Full COLA: The Assembly proposes to increase the COLA for all ECE programs to 4.05%.

• Parental Choice for TK Eligible Children: The Assembly is concurring with the Senate recommendations to:

- Approve placeholder trailer bill language amended to: 1) Extend the implementation by one additional year and phase in implementation by two months of age per year from 2022-23 through 2025-26, 2) Require full school-day instructional minutes, 3) require 1:10 staff to student ratio, 4) Allow California State Preschool Program wrap for after and summer school care for TK/K, and 5) allow for parent choice for entering or retaining children in state preschool programs, child care, or Head Start programs that are age eligible for TK.

• Increased Access: The Assembly is proposing:

- An additional \$300 million in ongoing General Fund for the California State Preschool Program to provide additional full day, full year slots, funded at the 85th percentile of the 2018 RMR.
- In addition to the Governor's May Revise's 100,000 child care

slots, they are proposing funding and additional 100,000 spaces for CAPP, CCTR, and CBO-based CSPP programs to be funded at the 85th percentile of the 2018 RMR. The priority for CAPP is to make essential worker vouchers permanent.

- **Family Fee Waivers and Income Eligibility:** The Assembly is proposing, in addition to the Child Care Providers United agreement, to fund \$60 million one-time federal funds to cover family fees through 2023. They also propose to amend current law to cap family fees at 7%, and to increase eligibility for all child care and preschool programs to 100% SMI, to the extent allowable under federal law for federally funded programs.
- **CACFP:** The Assembly is proposing to restore the California supplement to the Child and Adult Food Program.
- **Facilities Block Grant:** The Assembly is proposing to restore \$250 million in one-time only General Fund to the Early Learning and Care Infrastructure Block Grant, and amends the statute to include re-opening costs.

The hearing [agenda decisions are here.](#)