

# CalWORKs

**[AB 2368\(Fuentes\)](#) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: motor vehicles.**

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**Summary:** Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states, with California's version of this program being known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. This bill would delete existing requirements for assessing the value of a motor vehicle for purposes of CalWORKs program eligibility. The bill instead would exclude the value of a licensed motor vehicle from consideration when determining or redetermining CalWORKs eligibility. By increasing the duties of counties administering the CalWORKs program, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[AB 2389\(Benoit\)](#) CalWORKs eligibility: drug testing.**

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**Summary:** Existing law requires each county to provide cash assistance and other social services to needy families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, using federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, state, and county funds. Under existing law, the county is required to annually redetermine eligibility for CalWORKs benefits. This bill would require a recipient of CalWORKs aid to undergo drug testing on a random selection basis, as a condition of continued eligibility. The bill would specify those substances for which drug testing would be conducted. The bill would require a recipient who fails a random drug test to successfully complete a one-year drug treatment program, as specified. The bill would discontinue the individual's aid under the CalWORKs program upon failure of the individual to successfully complete the required drug treatment program. The bill would require the department to seek any federal approvals necessary for the implementation of this section. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[AB 2480\(Runner, Sharon\)](#) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: vehicles.**

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**Summary:** Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states, with California's version of this program being known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. This bill would specify that the CalWORKs asset

limits apply to a licensed motor vehicle that is either owned or leased by the applicant or recipient. This bill contains other existing laws.

**[AB 2844\(Laird\)](#) Public social services: CalWORKs and the Food Stamp Program: redetermination and recertification.**

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**Summary:** Existing law requires each county to provide cash assistance and other social services to needy families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program using federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, state, and county funds. Under existing law, the county is required to annually redetermine eligibility for CalWORKs benefits. Existing law additionally requires the county to implement a recipient monthly reporting system, consistent with federal law until the Director of Social Services makes a specified declaration, at which time the county would be required to redetermine recipient eligibility and grant amounts on a quarterly basis, using prospective budgeting, and to prospectively determine the grant amount that a recipient is entitled to receive for each month of the quarterly reporting period. Under existing law, a CalWORKs recipient is required to report to the county, orally or in writing, specified changes that could affect the amount of aid to which the recipient is entitled. Existing law requires the quarterly redetermination report form to be signed by the recipient under penalty of perjury. Under existing law, the CalWORKs quarterly reporting system is also implemented by the State Department of Social Services in administering the federal Food Stamp Program. This bill would repeal the requirements relating to quarterly redetermination and prospective determination grant amounts, and would, instead, impose similar requirements for a semiannual redetermination, operative January 1, 2009, to be implemented no later than July 1, 2009. The bill would also require the department to establish an income reporting threshold for CalWORKs recipients, as specified. The bill would make various related conforming changes, including revising provisions relating to the collection of CalWORKs grant overpayments. The bill would authorize counties to adopt staggered semiannual reporting requirements, as specified. This bill would require the redetermination report form to be signed under penalty of perjury, thus creating a new crime and imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the department to implement the semiannual reporting provisions through all-county letters until the adoption of implementing regulations, as prescribed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[AB 2927\(Bass\)](#) Child welfare system: funding.**

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**Summary:** Under existing law, the State Department of Social Services and local child welfare agencies have various powers and duties relating to the provision of child welfare services. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide a stable source of funding for the state's child welfare system.

**[SB 1160\(Alquist\)](#) CalWORKs program: eligibility.**

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**Calendar:** 03/25/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SEN HUMAN SERVICES

**Summary:** Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services and the California Health and Human Services Agency Data Center to design, implement, and maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with the determination of eligibility for benefits under the CalWORKs program, excluding the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care program, and the Food Stamp Program. Existing law, with specified exceptions, requires applicants for, and recipients of, CalWORKs and Food Stamp Program benefits, as a condition of eligibility, to be fingerprint imaged, pursuant to the statewide fingerprint imaging system. This bill would exempt from that requirement a caretaker relative who is caring for a dependent child of the court, who is changing residence from one county to another county and applying for benefits on behalf of one or more related children who are receiving benefits under the CalWORKs program, and who is not an applicant for, or a recipient of, benefits under the CalWORKs program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**[SB 1341\(Padilla\)](#) CalWORKs: personal property retention.**

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**Summary:** Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states, with California's version of this program being known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. This bill would expand the scope of purposes for which eligible savings may be used to include costs associated with securing permanent rental housing or to make rent payments to overcome an episode of homelessness. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.