
Olmstead-Related Legislation:

SECOND YEAR OF 2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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ASSEMBLY

Alzheimer's

- **AB1861 (Horton): Aging Programs**

Existing law contains requirements for a contractor operating an Alzheimer's day care resource center and for a contractor providing services under the Linkages Program. This bill would, provide that, in selecting these contractors, an area agency on aging would be required to use the competitive bidding process, except that after the initial contract with that contractor is entered into, the area agency on aging would be authorized to continue to contract with that contractor without using the competitive bidding process, unless the area agency on aging deems it in the best interest of the state to use the competitive bidding process. This bill would provide that if an area agency on aging continues a contract pursuant to the above provisions without using the competitive bidding process, the area agency on aging shall disclose this fact to the public at its annual public hearing.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

California Department of Aging

- **AB 1928 (Berg): Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living Centers: Funding**

This bill would continuously appropriate from the Federal Trust Fund, in the absence of enactment of the annual Budget Act by July 1 of a fiscal year,

(1) to the California Department of Aging, the amount of federal funds contained in the Federal Trust Fund that is necessary to pay area agencies on aging for the administration of programs under their jurisdiction, and (2) to the Department of Rehabilitation, the amount of federal funds contained in the Federal Trust Fund that is necessary to pay independent living centers for the administration of programs under their jurisdiction, pending enactment of the Budget Act.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **AB 1929 (Berg): Area Agencies on Aging: Electronic Transfer of Funds**

Existing law declares that is the mission of the California Department of Aging to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home and community-based services to maintain individuals in their own homes or in the least restrictive homelike environments and distributes funds to the area agencies on aging. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the Controller, by August 1, 2007, to develop and implement a procedure for the electronic transfer of funds from the department to the area agencies on aging, for the programs and services administered by the area agencies on aging.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

- **AB 2014 (Berg): Programs for the Seniors and Independent Adults**

Existing law provides various services to persons with disabilities and seniors, which are overseen by the State Department of Social Services, including the In-Home Supportive Services Program and the development of guidelines in the implementation of local adult protective services programs, to assist them in living in the community instead of being placed in a facility. Existing law also vests in the Department of Rehabilitation the responsibility and authority for the encouragement of the planning, development, and funding of independent living centers. Existing law also establishes various programs under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Aging. This bill would rename the California Department of Aging the California Department of Adult and Aging Services and would

transfer responsibility for specified programs to the California Department of Adult and Aging Services.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

Conservatorship

- **AB 1363 (Jones): Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006**

This bill would enact the Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006. Commencing January 1, 2008 the act would require professional conservators and guardians to be licensed and would prohibit a court from appointing nonlicensed professional conservators and guardians. The bill would create the California Board of Conservators and Guardians in the Department of Consumer Affairs to enforce and administer the licensing program for professional conservators and guardians, as defined, until July 1, 2012. The bill would create the Professional Fiduciary Fund, for deposit of licensing fees, available for the expenses of the board, upon appropriation. The bill would establish qualifications, including educational and training criteria for applicants for licensure. The bill would require the board, among other things, to draft a Fiduciary's Code of Ethics. The bill would also remove conservators and guardians from the provisions governing registry, effective January 1, 2008 and require that the Department of Consumer Affairs, rather than the Department of Justice, maintain the registry for trustees. The bill would require the Judicial Council to among other things, adopt specified rules of court relating to conservatorships and guardianships and to enact educational programs for nonlicensed conservators and guardians. The bill would also require the Judicial Council to establish qualifications and educational classes for any court-employed staff attorney, to require educational classes for these attorneys, probate judges and public guardians, to establish conservatorship accountability measures, and to develop a form to provide notice regarding free assistance provided by the court to conservators. The bill would also make various changes to provisions governing conservatorship. The bill would establish in the California Department of Aging the Office of Conservatorship Ombudsman to collect and analyze data relative to complaints about conservatorships and to investigate and resolve complaints and concerns communicated by or on behalf of conservatees.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

Death with Dignity

- **AB 651 (Berg): California Compassionate Choices Act**

Existing law authorizes an adult to give an individual health care instruction and to appoint an attorney to make health care decisions for that individual in the event of his or her incapacity pursuant to a power of attorney for health care. This bill would enact the California Compassionate Choices Act, which would authorize an adult who meets certain qualifications, and who has been determined by his or her attending physician to be suffering from a terminal disease, as defined, to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending his or her life in a humane and dignified manner. The bill would establish procedures for making these requests. This bill contains other related provisions.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Developmental Disability Issues

- **AB 1379 (Lieber): Agnews Developmental Center: Closure**

This bill requires that Agnews Developmental Center property be subject to certain conditions. Specifically, this bill prohibits classification of property at Agnews as surplus property absent express legislative authorization. The bill establishes the Agnews Developmental Center Campus Advisory Group to provide the Legislature with recommendations regarding the disposition of land at Agnews and requires the group to report recommendations to the Legislature by June 30, 2006. The bill requires the recommendations preserve the land, or its value for people with developmental disabilities under the Lanterman Act.

Status: Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **AB 1478 (Frommer): Developmental Services: Autism Spectrum Disorders**

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the administration and oversight of the state developmental centers and programs relating to persons with developmental disabilities. Existing law requires the department to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. This bill would require the department, in consultation with specified state department, to develop guidelines for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders and to disseminate the information to parents.

Status: Senate Committee on Human Services

- **AB 2513 (Pavley): Pupils: Autism: Training and Information**

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene, with input from the Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders Institute (MIND Institute) at the University of California at Davis, an advisory committee, as specified. The bill would require the advisory committee to develop specified recommendations that would identify the means by which public and nonpublic schools, including charter schools, may better serve children with autism. The bill would declare that the recommendations of the advisory committee are not to be construed or applied as state imposed standards or binding on any individualized education program (IEP) team, special education official, or child with autism. The bill also would declare that its provisions are not to be construed to prescribe or define an appropriate educational or habilitative program for a child with autism. The bill would require, on or before November 1, 2007, the advisory committee to submit its recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

IHHS and related issues

- **AB 1326 (Vargas): In Home Supportive Services- Health Benefits**

This bill would authorize a recipient who receives In-Home Supportive Services through a Long-Term Care Integration Pilot Project/Acute and Long Term Care Integration Project to select his or her own service provider, subject to program requirements.

Status: Senate Inactive File

- **AB 2486 (Ridley-Thomas): In-home Supportive Services: Criminal Background Checks**

Existing law permits services to be provided under the IHSS program either through the employment of individual providers, a contract between the county and an entity for the provision of services, the creation by the county of a public authority, or a contract between the county and a nonprofit consortium. Furthermore, under existing law, the functions of a nonprofit consortium contracting with the county, or a public authority established for this purpose, include investigating the qualifications and background of potential personnel. This bill would authorize the investigation of potential personnel by a nonprofit consortium or public authority to include criminal background checks conducted by the Department of Justice or, in certain circumstances, by an investigative consumer reporting agency, upon the request of the nonprofit consortium or public authority. The bill would prohibit a fee from being charged to a provider, potential personnel, or a recipient to cover any cost related to administering requirements with respect to an investigation, or the costs to certain entities for processing a criminal background check, under these provisions.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

- **AB 2494 (Ridley-Thomas): In-home Supportive Services: Provider Training**

This bill would authorize an IHSS provider to receive wages for up to 6 hours of prescribed training per calendar year if specified conditions are met. This bill would limit its implementation to the extent that funds are appropriated for its purposes, and require the Secretary of California Health and Human Services to actively pursue available federal funding for training authorized by the bill. The bill would prohibit the training authorized under the bill from counting against assessed hours for a recipient of in-home supportive services. It would allow training who provides transitional training for another provider of in-home supportive services, in order to meet the unique needs of a consumer who is changing providers.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

- **AB 2536 (Montanez): Minimum Wage**

Existing law, with certain exceptions, establishes 8 hours as a day's work and a 40-hour workweek, and requires payment of prescribed overtime compensation for additional hours worked. A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor. This bill would provide that these overtime compensation requirements should apply, with certain exceptions, to a personal attendant. This bill would entitle a household worker, as defined, in any action to recover unlawfully withheld wages or unpaid overtime compensation under any of these provisions, to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the unlawfully withheld wages or unpaid overtime compensation plus interest on that amount.

- **AB 3048 (Dymally): Public Social Services: Assistance During Health- Related and Alternative Site Appointments**

Under existing law, In-Home Supportive Services are defined to include accompaniment of a service recipient by a provider when needed during necessary travel to health-related appointments or to alternative resource sites. This bill would define the scope of accompaniment and travel to a health-related appointment for purposes of these provisions, including a reasonable amount of waiting time, which would be determined by the county, as specified.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

Long Term Care

- **AB 10 (Daucher): Inappropriate Placement of Persons with Disabilities**

This bill would require the Department of Health Services to adopt, by July 1, 2007, a statewide uniform documentation tool, as defined, for discharge placement or facility placement evaluation of persons with disabilities and the elderly in compliance with Olmstead.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to select 3 voluntary pilot programs to be allowed to charge a fee for long-term care navigation services. The fee would be voluntary and would be charged to

non-Medi-Cal seniors and persons with disabilities 18 years of age or older who are at risk for nursing home placement and who would like long-term care navigation services. The bill would declare that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the fee revenue would serve as matching federal targeted case management dollars to provide funding for Medi-Cal eligible seniors and persons with disabilities at risk of nursing home placement to receive the same long-term care navigation services as persons who utilize the private pay method.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

- **AB 1643 (Jones): PERS Long Term Care Insurance**

The Public Employees' Long-Term Care Act provides long term care insurance coverage for members of CalPERS. The coverage of the Act has been expanded over time to include persons covered by various retirement systems and to extend eligibility to parents, siblings, and parents of siblings of covered individuals. However, persons with disabilities who do not meet the underwriting criteria cannot get coverage in PERS LTC Insurance. This bill requires the PERS board to conduct a study regarding the following:

- Expected costs of providing LTC Insurance coverage without underwriting criteria;
- The feasibility and desirability of various options including, charging increased premiums for enrollees not subject to underwriting and imposing increased waiting periods for those not subject to underwriting;
- A proposal for a LTC Insurance program that would maintain the financial stability of the plan while balancing the need to cover the maximum number of individuals with the fewest restrictions on coverage; and
- Other options for ensuring that persons now excluded from the long-term care insurance plan are able to obtain long-term services when needed and are not discouraged from seeking employment in order to continue receiving public benefits.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Medi-Cal

- **AB 813 (Nunez): Medi-Cal: Emergency Drug Benefits**

Existing law requires the State Department of Health services, through February 15, 2006, and only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose, to provide drug benefits to a Medicare-eligible person who is also eligible for Medi-Cal prescription drug benefits and who is not able to obtain drug benefits from his or her prescription drug plan under the Medicare Program. Existing law allows the Governor, after that date, and upon notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to extend coverage for those drug benefits for coverage periods of up to 30 days each, but in no event beyond May 16, 2006.

This bill would require the department, beginning May 17, 2006, and ending January 31, 2007, and only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose, to provide emergency drug benefits to a Medicare-eligible person who is also eligible for Medi-Cal prescription drug benefits but is unable to obtain drug benefits from his or her Medicare Drug Plan only when one or more of certain conditions are met. The bill would give pharmacies specified duties in this regard, including making a specified certification under penalty of perjury.

Status: 5/15/06—Signed by Governor

- **AB 1258 (Daucher, Administration Sponsored): Adult Day Health Care**

This bill authorizes DHS to revise its State Plan or develop a waiver to bring ADHC services under the Medi-Cal program into compliance with federal laws and regulations. In addition, this bill specifies some of the terms of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver, including the restructuring of the interagency agreement with CDA, clarification and expansion of certification requirements, and a cleanup of the ADHC licensing statutes. The bill includes a restructure of the ADHC program under a SPA or waiver, including per service billing and reimbursement in place of the current bundled billing, the establishment of new medical necessity criteria that must be met for prior authorization of ADHC services, and the expansion of audit procedures to ensure compliance with licensing and certification requirements.

Status: 1/31/06—Died in Assembly Health Committee

- **AB 1930 (Berg): Medi-Cal: Drug Benefits: Long-Term Care Facilities**

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits, including, for certain beneficiaries, prescription drug benefits. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. This bill would require the department to provide coverage, including retroactive coverage, for drug benefits during any period in which drugs are provided to a resident of a long-term care facility if that resident applies for, and is determined to be eligible for, full benefits under the Medi-Cal program for the period in which the drugs are provided. The bill would require the department to provide this coverage regardless of whether federal financial participation is available. The bill would specify that these provisions shall not apply if the resident of the long-term care facility is enrolled in, and has active drug benefits under, a prescription drug plan under the Medicare Program for the period in which the drugs are provided, has disenrolled from such a program, or has a policy of insurance that provides prescription drug coverage for the relevant period.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **AB 2607 (De La Torre): Medi-Cal: Managed Care: Persons with Disabilities**

This bill would enact the Mandatory Medi-Cal Managed Care Pilot Program. Under this program, until July 31, 2012, and subject to the enactment of subsequent legislation, the department would be authorized to require, in up to 2 counties, on a pilot basis, that seniors and persons with disabilities who are not expressly excluded from enrollment be assigned as mandatory enrollees to new or existing Medi-Cal managed care health plans. The bill would require the Department of Health Services, by March 1, 2007, to submit to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a proposed implementation plan containing specified elements and prepared in consultation with a stakeholder committee, and to take certain other actions relating to the development of the pilot program. The bill would impose various

requirements on managed care plans participating in the program. The bill would require the department to seek federal approval for the program, and to conduct an annual evaluation of the program.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

AB 2968 (Leno): Medi-Cal: Community Living Support Benefit

This bill would require the Department of Health Services to develop and implement a program to provide a community-living support benefit to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries. It would require the department to submit any federal documentation that is necessary to provide this benefit, and to implement the benefit only to the extent that federal financial participation is available. The bill would require that the benefit include reimbursement for an array of health-related and psychosocial services provided or coordinated at community-based housing sites, and access to certain community-living support services provided or coordinated at those sites. Eligibility for the benefit would be limited to persons who are eligible for Medi-Cal, who are residents of San Francisco who would otherwise be homeless, living in shelters, or institutionalized, and who meet at least one of 2 other criteria. The bill would condition implementation of these provisions upon adoption of a resolution by the board of supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco providing for county funds for specified purposes related to the program.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

AB 2979 (Richman): Medi-Cal Managed Care

This bill would require the Department of Health Services, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a statewide education and outreach program specific to the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities in an effort to promote a greater understanding of, and increased enrollment in, Medi-Cal managed care. This bill would also, until January 1, 2013, authorize the department to implement the Medicare HMO Wraparound pilot project for eligible individuals in selected counties to provide a coordinated system of care and benefits for individuals who are eligible for both the federal Medicare Program and the Medi-Cal program and who are receiving Medicare services and Medi-Cal HMO Wraparound services.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

- **AB 3019 (Daucher): Community Options and Assessment Protocol**

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency, in consultation with specified entities, to develop and test the Community Options and Assessment Protocol (COAP), to minimize duplication and redundancy of multiple assessments for home- and community-based services and connect consumers under the Medi-Cal program. The bill would require the agency to establish goals, as specified, to be achieved by the COAP. This bill would authorize the department to enter into competitively bid contracts with technical experts to aid in the development of the COAP, as specified, and to complete the Request for Proposal by January 31, 2007.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

Tax Credits and other Monetary Issues

- **AB 298 (Berg): Personal Income Tax: Caregivers Tax Credit**

The Personal Income Tax Law allows a credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2005, in an amount equal to \$500 in caregiver tax credits. This bill extends the existing \$500 tax credit to 2011.

Status: Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

- **AB 1844 (Chavez): Minimum wage increase**

Under existing law, by statute, the minimum wage for all industries shall be not less than \$5.75 per hour on and after March 1, 1998. Also under existing law, the Industrial Welfare Commission is authorized to set a higher minimum wage in accordance with a prescribed procedure that includes the selection of wage boards to consider and make recommendations regarding wage issues. The current minimum wage for all industries, as established by the commission, is \$6.75 per hour on and after January 1, 2002. This bill would increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour, effective on and after July 1, 2007, and would further increase the

minimum wage to \$7.75 per hour, effective on and after July 1, 2008. In addition, this bill would provide for an automatic adjustment of the minimum wage on January 1 of each year thereafter, calculated by multiplying the minimum wage by the previous year's rate of inflation, as specified.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **AB 1847 (Leslie): Taxation: Tax Credit: Access to Disabled Individuals**

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in the case of a taxpayer that is an eligible small business, as defined, authorize a credit against the taxes imposed by those laws for specified expenditures incurred by the taxpayer to provide access to disabled individuals in accordance with federal income tax laws, but, unlike the federal income tax laws, limit the amount of that credit to an amount equal to 50%, but not to exceed \$250, of the eligible access expenditures, incurred during the taxable year. This bill would modify those provisions beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before January 1, 2012, to increase the amount of the credit, in full conformity with the federal income tax laws, to an amount equal to 25%, but not to exceed \$10,250, of the eligible access expenditures in excess of \$250 incurred during the taxable year. This bill would also, beginning on or after January 1, 2012, modify those provisions to limit the amount of that credit to an amount equal to 50%, but not to exceed \$250, of the eligible access expenditures, incurred during the taxable year.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **AB 2536 (Montanez): Employment: Minimum Wage and Overtime Compensation**

Existing law, with certain exceptions, establishes 8 hours as a day's work and a 40-hour workweek, and requires payment of prescribed overtime compensation for additional hours worked. A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor. This bill would entitle a household worker or personal attendant, as defined, in any action to recover unlawfully withheld wages or unpaid overtime compensation under any of these provisions, to recover

liquidated damages in an amount equal to the unlawfully withheld wages or unpaid overtime compensation plus interest on that amount.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules

SENATE

Conservatorship

- **SB 1116 (Scott): Conservatorships**

Existing law generally authorizes a guardian or conservator to fix the residence of a conservatee or ward within the state without permission of the court, by selecting the least restrictive appropriate setting, as specified, that is in the best interests of the conservatee. This bill would revise and recast this provision and presume that the least restrictive appropriate residence for the conservatee is the personal residence of that conservatee, except if proven otherwise by clear and convincing evidence.

Existing law provides that sales of real or personal property of the estate of a conservatee are subject to authorization, confirmation, or direction of the court, except as otherwise provided and except for the sale of a conservatee's personal residence. In seeking authorization to sell a conservatee's present or former personal residence, the conservator is required to notify the court that the personal residence is proposed to be sold and that the conservator has discussed the proposed sale with the conservatee, among other requirements. This bill would revise the provisions for the proposed sale of the personal residence of a conservatee and require a conservator to publish and post a notice of sale, reappraisal for sale, minimum offer price, and other information related to the sale of the personal residence, as specified. This bill would delete restrictions regarding the sale of the personal residence of the conservatee related to contracts with and compensation of agents, brokers, and auctioneers, and restrictions regarding the sale of personal property.

Under existing law, the court, in its discretion, may make an order granting a conservator one or more powers, as specified, for the advantage, benefit, and best interest of the estate of the conservatee. These powers include the sale of real property of the estate. This bill would additionally require

that the sale of the personal residence of a conservatee, including the terms of sale, price, and commissions to be paid from the estate, to be in the best interest of the conservatee, that the sale of that personal residence shall comply with requirements for appraisal and minimum offer price, and other conditions, as specified.

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Developmental Issues

- **SB 481 (Chesbro): Self-Directed Services Program**

This bill would establish the Self-Directed Services Program, which would expand the self-determination pilot projects to every regional center catchment area, consistent with federal approval of a self-directed waiver, and provided the participants meet certain eligibility requirements. It would also require the Department of Developmental Services to develop, revise, and maintain regulations implementing these requirements, and would permit the adoption by the department of emergency regulations to implement these provisions.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee

- **SB 1270 (Chesbro): Development Services: Service Methods: Study**

This bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services, in consultation with stakeholders, to explore mechanisms for developing and expanding specified methods of providing services to consumers of services for persons with developmental disabilities, and to submit recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature no later than November 1, 2008.

Status: Assembly Committee on Human Services

- **SB 1283 (Chesbro): Area Boards on Developmental Disabilities**

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families,

and sets forth the duties of the regional centers, including, but not limited to, development of individual program plans and the monitoring of services. This bill would require the Governor to appoint a deputy director for area board operations upon the recommendation of the executive director of the council, rather than upon recommendation of the council. The bill would require the council to request information from regional centers regarding available and needed services and supports at least once every 5 years rather than every 3 years, would require the request to be made in conjunction with the area boards, and would require the methodology for collection and the display format of the information to be jointly determined by the council and the Association of Regional Center Agencies.

Status: Assembly Committee on Human Services

IHHS

SB 1435 (Ortiz): IHHS Pilot-Project: Eligibility: Purchase of Service

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to establish a 4 year pilot project, that would authorize certain individuals who are not financially eligible to receive in-home supportive services, to purchase those services. The bill would require the pilot project to be conducted in 3 counties that consent to participate, and would require the department to develop eligibility guidelines for individuals who purchase services under the pilot project, in conjunction with designated entities and stakeholders. This bill would require a participating county to evaluate the pilot project in accordance with criteria set forth in the bill. The bill would require the department to ensure that the pilot project is conducted so as to secure maximum federal financial participation, *including, if necessary, applying for a federal waiver*. This bill would provide that participating counties shall not be responsible for a share of cost for the administration of, or services provided under, the bill. The bill would prohibit a person providing in-home supportive services pursuant to the bill from being paid more in wages and benefits than if the person were providing those services to an individual under the In-Home Supportive Services program, and would prohibit the eligibility assessment of an applicant under the In-Home Supportive Services program from being delayed by the eligibility assessment of a person desiring services under the bill.

Status: Assembly First Reading

- **SB 1660 (Romero): In Home Supportive Services: Provider Wage and Benefit Increases**

Existing law provides that when any increase in IHHS provider wages or benefits is negotiated or agreed to by a public authority or nonprofit consortium, the county shall use county-only funds for the state and county share of any increase in the program, unless otherwise provided in the Budget Act or appropriated by statute. Existing law establishes a formula with regard to provider wages or benefits increases negotiated or agreed to by a public authority or nonprofit consortium, and specifies the percentages required to be paid by the state and counties, beginning with the 2000–01 fiscal year, with regard to the nonfederal share of any increases. This bill would eliminate the formula for state participation in provider wage and benefit increases, and would instead provide generally that the state shall pay 65% of the nonfederal share of wages and benefits negotiated by a public authority or nonprofit consortium, and associated employment taxes.

Status: Assembly First Reading

Long Term Care

- **SB 526 (Alquist): Long Term Health Care**

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish dedicated complaint response units in each district office of the Licensing and Certification Division of the Department of Health Services (DHS) by January 1, 2007 following a study of unanticipated costs, require DHS to issue a Class "A" citation when a nursing home resident is sexually assaulted by an employee of the facility, add to the list of resident rights for long-term health care facilities, including changes to requirements regarding transfer and discharge of patients, create requirements for skilled nursing facilities for the admission of patients covered by the Medi-Cal program, and require nursing home operators to document labor costs by submitting payroll records to DHS on a quarterly basis.

Status: Senate Inactive File

- **SB 855 (Poochigian): Special Access: Liability**

This bill would impose pre-litigation procedural requirements upon the filing of any claim under the state's civil rights and equal access to public or housing accommodation laws, including claims of violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act in state-owned facilities.

Status: Senate Inactive File

- **SB 1212 (Torlakson): Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Advisory Committee Memberships and Provider Financial Requirements**

Existing law provides for the regulation by the State Department of Social Services of activities relating to continuing care contracts that govern care provided to an elderly resident in a continuing care retirement community for the duration of the resident's life or a term in excess of one year. Existing law establishes that the Continuing Care Advisory Committee of the department shall act in an advisory capacity to the department on matters relating to continuing care contracts. This bill would revise the membership and administrative operating procedures of the committee.

Status: Assembly First Reading

Medi-Cal

- **SB 642 (Chesbro): Adult Day Health Care Program**

This bill makes various changes to the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Program and requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to take all appropriate action to obtain approval for a State Plan Amendment that would conform the ADHC program to requirements of federal law and include specific requirements. The bill would provide that no provision of the ADHC state plan amendment shall be implemented unless and until DHS has obtained full approval for that amendment from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the plan can be implemented by DHS.

Status: Died on file in Senate

- **SB 912 (Ducheny): Medi-Cal: Provider Reimbursement**

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits. Existing law requires the Director of Health Services, until January 1, 2007, to reduce by 5% Medi-Cal provider payments for Medi-Cal program services for dates of service on and after January 1, 2004. However, existing law makes this reduction inapplicable to Medi-Cal program services provided between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2005. Existing law also requires the director to make reductions in other specified programs, including payments made to managed health care plans. This bill would eliminate the above reductions with respect to Medi-Cal program services for dates of service commencing 14 days after the effective date of the bill and ending on January 1, 2007, to the extent that federal financial participation is available for the increase provided for in these provisions. The bill would exempt from elimination the reduction in payments to managed health care plans.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 8, Statutes of 2006

- **SB 1233 (Perata): Medi-Cal: Prescription Drug Benefit**

Existing law requires the Department of Health Services, beginning on January 12, 2006, to provide drug benefits to a Medicare-eligible person who is also eligible for Medi-Cal prescription drug benefits and who is not able to obtain drug benefits from his or her prescription drug plan under the Medicare Program through February 15, 2006. This would allow the Governor, after that date, and upon notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to extend coverage for those drug benefits for coverage periods of up to 30 days each, but in no event beyond May 16, 2006.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 7, Statutes of 2006

- **SB 1755 (Chesbro): Medi-Cal: Adult Day Health Care Services**

The California Adult Day Health Care Act provides for the licensure and regulation of adult day health centers, with administrative responsibility for this program shared between the State Department of Health Services and the California Department of Aging pursuant to an interagency agreement. The Adult Day Health Medi-Cal Law establishes adult day health care services as a Medi-Cal benefit for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet certain criteria. This bill would revise the eligibility criteria for adult day health care

services. Existing law requires adult day health centers to offer, and provide directly on the premises, specified services. This bill would require adult day health centers to offer, and provide directly on the premises, in accordance with the participant's individual plan of care, and subject to authorization, specified core services to each participant during each day of the participant's attendance at the center, including nursing services, personal care or social services, therapeutic activities, and one meal. The bill would allow an adult day health care center to provide one or more of the specified core services at an enhanced level if any of certain conditions occurs.

Status: Assembly First Reading