

CLC's 2023 Sponsored Legislation



AB 20 Strengthening Family Connections (ASM Gipson)

- Require child welfare to hold a meeting to address post-adoption contact between siblings when parental rights are terminated; and
- Broaden the circumstances in which a court may reinstate parental rights for a biological parent



AB 448 Promoting Family Connections (ASM Juan Carrillo)

- Strengthen existing requirements by requiring documentation of family finding efforts



AB 937 Reuniting Families (ASM McKinnor, co-sponsored with Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Dependency Legal Services, Root & Rebound, and A New Way of Life)

- Resolve ambiguity in case law by specifying when reasonable services have not been provided to a parent -- even at the 18-month date -- the court must order an additional six (6) months (In Re Michael G, 69 Cal.App.5th 1133 (2021))



SB 824 Foster Care Extended Family Placement Act (Senator Ashby, co-sponsored with Alliance for Children's Rights, A New Way of Life, California Tribal Families Coalition, County Welfare Directors Association of California, and Starting Over, Inc.)

- Extend flexibilities in SB 354 (Skinner, 2021) for NREFMs and tribal definition of relative
- Ensure court placements (when RFA denied) are eligible for funding if the caregiver seeks to become a guardian or adopt



Sponsored Legislation (cont'd)



AB 866 Preventing Food Insecurity for TAY (ASM Rubio, co-sponsored with Alliance for Children's Rights)

- Allow CalFresh benefits to be provided at the maximum amount for NMDs in SILPs regardless of income or resources



AB 867 Ensuring Youth Exiting Foster Care Can Succeed (ASM Friedman, co-sponsored with Public Counsel & Youth Law Center)

- Require county to make active efforts to ensure youth have housing stability before exiting the system; and
- Clarify court's ability to keep a case open past age 21 if WIC 391 requirements have not been satisfactorily met



AB 1112 Providing Supplemental Support for Youth Experiencing Placement Instability (ASM McKinnor, co-sponsored with Public Counsel)

- Enables youth to receive expectant parent payment and clothing allowance even if not in an approved placement



AB 1512 Social Security Insurance (ASM Bryan, co-sponsored with Alliance for Children's Rights & Children's Advocacy Institute)

- Disallow practice of county agencies collecting disability and survivor benefits to pay for the cost of foster care



AB 876 Child fatalities and near fatalities: records (ASM Rivas, co-sponsored with Dependency Legal Services)

- Clarify the court's authority to maintain jurisdiction after a child in foster care has passed away if awaiting autopsy report or other information

