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An act to amend Section 17601.75 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
relating to public social services, and making an appropriation therefor.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 17601.75 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

17601.75. (a) On or before the 27th day of the month, the Controller shall allocate to the family support account in the local health and welfare trust fund of each county and city and county the amounts deposited and remaining unexpended and unreserved on the 15th day of the month in the Family Support Subaccount of the Local Revenue Fund, pursuant to schedules developed by the Department of Finance in conjunction with the appropriate state departments and in consultation with the California State Association of Counties.

(b) All of the funds deposited in the family support account shall be used by each county and city and county that receives an allocation of those funds to pay an increased county contribution toward the costs of CalWORKs ~~grants~~; grants, a county contribution toward the costs of the CalWORKs single allocation described in Section 15204.2, or both, as determined by the Department of Finance. Each county's total annual contribution pursuant to this section shall equal the total amount of funds deposited in each county's and city and county's family support account during that fiscal year. The family support account shall not be subject to the transferability provisions of Section 17600.20. Each county's contribution pursuant to this section and Section 17601.25 shall be in addition to the shares of cost required pursuant to Section 15200.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: CalWORKs: counties: local family support account.

Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. California's version of this program is known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. Under the CalWORKs program, each county provides cash assistance and other benefits, through a combination of state and county funds and federal funds received through the TANF program, to qualified low-income families and individuals who meet specified eligibility criteria, including participating in specified welfare-to-work activities.

Existing law establishes the Local Revenue Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, that allocates Vehicle License Fund moneys and sales tax moneys. Existing law requires cities and counties that receive funds from the Local Revenue Fund to establish



and maintain a local health and welfare trust fund comprised of specified accounts, including a family support account.

Existing law requires that the funds deposited in the family support account be used by each county and city and county that receives an allocation of those funds to pay an increased county contribution toward the costs of CalWORKs grants.

Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the annual Budget Act appropriate state and federal funds in a single allocation to counties for the support of administrative activities undertaken by the counties to provide CalWORKs benefit payments, required work activities, and supportive services, as specified.

This bill would instead require that the funds deposited in the family support account be used by each county and city and county that receives an allocation of those funds to pay an increased county contribution toward the costs of CalWORKs grants, a county contribution toward the costs of the CalWORKs single allocation, as specified, or both, as determined by the Department of Finance.

Because moneys from the General Fund are continuously appropriated to defray a portion of county costs under the CalWORKs program, and because the bill would authorize the expenditure of funds in the family support account for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

