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An act to add Section 11450.023 to 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 11450.023 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

11450.023. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, effective October 1, 2019, the maximum aid payments pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11450 in effect on April 1, 2019, shall be increased by 13.1 percent.

(b) The counties' share of costs resulting from implementation of the increase to maximum aid payments pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be subject to Section 11450.026.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: CalWORKs: maximum aid payment.

Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law establishes the maximum aid payment amounts to be provided to each family receiving aid under CalWORKs, increases the maximum aid payments by 10%, effective April 1, 2019, and states the intent of the Legislature to increase CalWORKs maximum aid payment levels in the 2019–20 and 2020–21 fiscal years.

Existing law continuously appropriates moneys from the General Fund to defray a portion of county costs under the CalWORKs program, and requires a county share of cost to be subtracted from that General Fund appropriation. Existing law, commencing in the 2019–20 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, if an incremental adjustment is made to the maximum aid payments, requires the counties' share of that adjustment to be based upon the total incremental adjustment or the increase in the California Necessities Index, as specified, for the fiscal year in which the adjustment becomes effective, whichever is lower.

This bill would, effective October 1, 2019, increase the maximum aid payment amounts by an additional 13.1%, and would provide that the counties' share of costs resulting from this increase is subject to the above-mentioned provisions. Because moneys from the General Fund are continuously appropriated to defray a portion of county costs under the CalWORKs program, the bill would make an appropriation.

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

