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Section 36.00—Department of Social Services, Increase of Emergency Funding for COVID-19 Response

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, the following report is respectfully submitted.

Augmentations to the following Budget Act items are needed to provide support to state, local governments, and nonprofits to protect the health and safety of Californians and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- \$33,965,000 to Item 5180-101-0001 for the following:
 - \$3,300,000 to Stage One Child Care providers, consistent with Executive Order N-45-20.
 - \$3,000,000 to provide diversion cash assistance to individuals with gross income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
 - \$27,665,000 to provide a \$200 a month supplement for food and other necessities to families whose child(ren) is(are) identified as "at-risk" of entry into Foster Care. At-risk of entry into foster care is based on the Emergency Response and Family Maintenance caseload.
- \$177,000 to Item 5180-141-0001 for the Department of Social Services to automate the supplement for food and other necessities to families whose child(ren) is identified as "at-risk" for entry into Foster Care. See Item 5180-101-0001 above.
- \$8,468,000 to Item 5180-151-0001 for the Department of Social Services to temporarily provide additional support and services to foster caregivers through Family Resource Centers and helplines, as well as increase access

to laptops and cell phones for foster youth, and address increased administrative workload for Child Welfare Services programs related to social worker overtime and outreach to at-risk families in response to COVID-19.

We concur with the necessity of these changes to the enacted budget and will be approving these augmentations not sooner than 72 hours from the above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Justin Freitas, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at Justin.freitas@dof.ca.gov or 916-445-6423.

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