

**Introduced by Senator Costa**

February 24, 2000

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An act to add Section 10609.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to child welfare services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1917, as introduced, Costa. Child welfare services: budgeting methodology evaluation.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the current child welfare services budgeting methodology and make recommendations for revising that methodology. Existing law requires the department to report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2000.

This bill would require the department to convene a task force for the purpose of creating a plan to implement the recommendations of that budget methodology evaluation. The bill would specify the membership of the task force.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10609.6 is added to the Welfare
- 2 and Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 10609.6. (a) The department shall convene a task
- 4 force for the purpose of creating a plan to implement the

1 recommendations of the evaluation required by Section  
2 10609.5.

3 (b) The task force convened pursuant to this section  
4 shall include the director of the department, or his or her  
5 designee, and one representative from each of the  
6 following:

- 7 (1) The Department of Finance.
- 8 (2) The County Welfare Directors Association.
- 9 (3) The California State Association of Counties.
- 10 (4) Child welfare services consumers.
- 11 (5) Children’s advocacy organizations.
- 12 (6) Child welfare social worker organizations.

