CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE — UC MERCED LEGISLATIVE SIMULATION

SENATE BILL SB-12

Introduced by Senator Angelique Ashby (D-8)

An act relating to Family Stability Services Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-12, Angelique Ashby (D-8). Family Stability Services Act.

California has programs that help eligible families pay for and find child care. This bill creates a new program that helps families in affordable housing find child care, preschool, after school programs, and child care assistance. It provides five million dollars to fund the program.

Vote: 2/3rds. Appropriations/fiscal: yes. Local program: no.

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

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE – 2026-2027 SIMULATION SESSION

SENATE BILL

Introduced by Senator Ashby (D-8)

September 30, 2026

An act to establish the Family Stability Services Program, relating to family services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB, as introduced, Ashby (D-8). Family Stability Services Act.

Under existing law, California provides child care assistance to help eligible families pay for and find child care. These services include child care provided through licensed child care centers and family child care homes.

Existing law also provides child care assistance through programs such as CalWORKS. California also has Child Care Resource and Referral programs that help parents find child care and learn about available services.

This bill would create the Family Stability Services Program within the Department of Social

Services. The program would give funding to affordable housing projects to help families connect with child care and other family support services.

This bill would allow participating housing projects to work with child care providers and community organizations to help families find child care, preschool, after school programs, and available financial assistance.

This bill would appropriate five million dollars ($5,000,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services to run the program.

Vote: Majority Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Committee: Yes Local Program: No

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SECTION 1.
The Family Stability Services Program is created within the Department of Social Services.

SECTION 2.

(a) The purpose of the program is to help families living in affordable housing find child care and other family support services.

(b) The Department of Social Services shall provide funding to eligible affordable housing projects to participate in the program.

(c) Participating housing projects may work with:

(1) Child care providers.

(2) Child Care Resource and Referral programs.

(3) Community organizations.

SECTION 3.

(a) Participating housing projects shall use program funds to help families find available services.

(b) These services may include help finding:

(1) Child care providers.

(2) Preschool programs.

(3) After school programs.

(4) Available child care financial assistance.

(5) Other family support services.

(c) This program shall not change the current requirements for receiving child care assistance.

SECTION 4.

The Department of Social Services shall choose participating housing projects and oversee how programs funds are used.

SECTION 5.

The sum of five million dollars ($5,000,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services for purposes of this act.

SECTION 6.

The Department of Social Services may create guidelines needed to carry out this act.