



## **AB 1952 – Supporting Parenting Foster Youth**

### **Background**

AB 1952 seeks to increase the infant supplement formula while also ensuring it will be adjusted in the future by the California Necessities Index (CNI).

The infant supplement formula is the vital monthly payment provided to parenting foster youth.

### **Problem Being Addressed**

There are approximately 45,000 foster kids in California and roughly 1,000 of them are custodial parents. While the individual can be a dependent of the state until they are 21, their child is not born into the system.

The average annual income of foster youth age 18 to 21 is under \$10,000, placing them well below the federal poverty line.

Unfortunately, the statistics do not show favorable outcomes, instead highlighting that some 50 % of babies born to foster youth are the subject of a child protective services report by age 3. Almost 19% of parenting foster youth lose their child to the system they themselves were in.

These tragic endings can be prevented. California is responsible for foster youth, and as such, core programs like the infant supplement formula, which has not been increased since 2016, highlights what can be addressed to help them be successful.

### **Which code section is affected?**

This bill would amend section 11465 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

### **Summary**

AB 1952 provides much needed dollars to parenting foster youth by increasing the infant supplement rate and including it for future CNI increases.

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### **Supporters**

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