

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Although I am signing Assembly Bills 258, 300, 377 and 435 – all of which allow specific counties to establish individualized county child care subsidy plans – the process for developing and approving individualized plans needs to be streamlined.

Additionally, counties need to ensure that CalWORKs families in Stage 1 child care are not inadvertently disadvantaged when crafting these plans.

Thus, I am directing my administration to work with the Department of Education and the specific counties named in these bills to implement whatever administrative or statutory changes are needed to reduce the bureaucratic burden that has become all too commonplace in the development and oversight of these plans. Changes should be expedited, so that counties can proceed with the business of serving families in the most appropriate and efficient manner possible.

Our programs in this area have become overly complicated and bureaucratic. We can and should establish a more efficient and flexible system for our local partners.

Sincerely,

Edy & Brown Jr.