

Los Angeles County Office of Education

Bill Review Worksheet

Date: 1/12/16

Subject: *Before & After School Programs, Homeless Youth*

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AB 1567	Campos	After school programs: enrollment: fees.
<p>Summary: The After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002, enacted by initiative statute, establishes the After School Education and Safety Program to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior high, and charter schools. The act gives priority enrollment in after school programs to pupils in middle school or junior high school who attend daily.</p> <p>This bill would instead give first priority enrollment to homeless youth, as defined, 2nd priority enrollment to pupils in CalWORKs assistance units, as described, and 3rd priority enrollment, for programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, to pupils who attend the program daily.</p> <p>The act provides that an after school and before school program is not required to charge family fees or conduct individual eligibility determination based on need or income.</p> <p>This bill would prohibit a program that charges family fees from charging a fee to a family for a child who is a homeless youth or who is a member of a CalWORKs assistance unit.</p> <p>The act authorizes the Legislature to amend certain of its provisions to further its purposes by majority vote of each house.</p> <p>The bill would set forth a legislative finding and declaration that it furthers the purposes of the act.</p>		
<p>Bill Text: Link</p>		
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<p>Sponsor:</p>		
<p>Background Info:</p>		
<p><u>Reviewer's Comments</u></p>		
<p>Reviewing Division(s): (bold your division)</p>	<p>ES-Student Support Services After School Technical Assistance Unit</p>	
<p>Position Recommendation: not support</p>		
<p>Justification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently the law states that students cannot be turned away from program if there is a fee to participate and the family cannot pay the fee. Therefore it is not necessary to add language to make this a statement for Homeless or a member of a CalWORKs assistance unit. 2. Many of these programs having waiting lists, and it would not be beneficial to those currently enrolled in the program to be "disenrolled" in order to free up a space for the first and second priorities stated in the bill. In fact many of those enrolled in the program meet one of these classifications. 3. Many after school programs in Los Angeles County are operated for districts by community based organizations (CBOs) under a subcontract agreement. The CBOs do not have access to 		

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school files and therefore do not have knowledge of the status of students. Currently these organizations struggle to get basic information on students [i.e. special needs, etc.] that impact the safety of the student, other participants and staff. Some districts have raised privacy and confidentiality issues around sharing of data with CBO staff.

4. In conversations with district staff many have shared that they do not have complete or adequate information in order to identify these students; and they are not in the position to take on this additional task.
5. Neither district nor CBO staff has the additional time to track this information on a daily basis. These programs are already stretched financially as the \$7.50 per student per day rate has not been increased since 2006 yet these programs have had to deal with significant increases in mandatory wage and benefit increased. Adding an additional cost at this time is not recommended.