

Developmental Services Trailer Bill Language (TBL)

[AB 121](#) (Committee on Budget)

AB 121 is this year's developmental services "Trailer Bill." A top-level summary of this year's TBL is provided here, with each individual section being addressed sequentially. In general, these changes came into effect as soon as the bill was signed by the Governor (July 10, 2023).

Sections 1 through 8 all relate to Education Code changes that are being done to move some federal education grant money to the Department of State Hospitals.

9. [Government Code \(GC\) §19242](#) – The Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP), related to state hiring of people with disabilities, is now permanent.
10. [GC §19242](#) – Minor code clean-up related to LEAP.
11. [GC §95020](#) – The option for remote Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meetings has been extended to June 30, 2024.
12. [GC §95021](#) – ABA or intensive behavioral intervention services for an infant or toddler cannot be contingent upon parent participation – though the benefits of participation can be highlighted.
13. [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) §4474.17](#) – Requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to give the Legislature annual reports on their work related to special incidents.
14. [WIC §4512](#) – Provisional eligibility expanded from just 3- and 4-year-olds to all children under 5 years of age. If an infant is eligible for Early Start, provisional eligibility must also be assessed.
15. [WIC §4519.5](#) – Purchase of service data reports to be uniform, and include some aggregate info. RC clients to get their own POS data yearly, with (eventual) online access, too.
16. [WIC §4519.10](#) – Rate models to be updated regularly to account for minimum wage beginning July 2, 2024. A fix to the 90/10 issue (provider rates and quality incentive payments) is created.
17. [WIC §4646](#) – The option for remote Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings has been extended to June 30, 2024.
18. [WIC §4646.4](#) – Medical services that are not available via health insurance within 60 days will be authorized for purchase/funding by regional centers. Medical/dental services shall be authorized during delays.
19. [WIC §4685.10](#) – DDS can make rules related to federal person-centered planning rules.
20. [WIC §4686.2](#) - ABA or intensive behavioral intervention services for an individual cannot be contingent upon parent participation – though the benefits of participation can be highlighted.

21. [WIC §4688.22](#) – For social recreation, camp, and nonmedical therapies, centers are forbidden from making people first use up IHSS, exchange respite (or other service) hours, or have copays. DDS can issue directives for these services, including providing them as participant-directed services.
22. [WIC §4689.1](#) – Family home agency rates now tied to an existing residential facility rate model.
23. [WIC §4783](#) – The Family Cost Participation Program fees remain on hold through June 30, 2024.
24. [WIC §4785](#) – The Annual Family Program Fee remains on hold through June 30, 2024.
25. [WIC §4785.2](#) – When those fees come back online, DDS can implement recommendations to reform those fees (that will come from an existing public stakeholder process).
26. [WIC §4868](#) – The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has an Employment First Committee. It goes away July 1, 2024 (to be replaced by an Office of Employment First, below.)
27. [WIC §4868](#) – Definitions of several key employment terms are created.
28. [WIC §4868.5](#) – An “Office of Employment First” is being created in the Health and Human Services Agency, to focus on major policies and goals related to employment. It will have an Employment First Committee (identical in membership to the one at State Council).
29. [WIC §7502.6](#) – Admissions to the Desert STAR portion of Canyon Springs will eventually stop, but only after some safety net homes are built, or June 30, 2024, whichever comes first.
30. [WIC §7505](#) – Some changes to court commitment rules to match that Canyon Springs deadline.
31. [no code section] – The Coordinated Family Supports Service Pilot is getting \$10,800,000 to allow it to continue through the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Sections 32 and 33 are technical things relate to how a bill is to be implemented, and are not policy changes affecting the developmental disabilities service system.