

Developmental Services Trailer Bill (TBL)

[AB 136](#) (Committee on Budget)

Assembly Bill 136 (AB 136) is this year's developmental services "Trailer Bill." A summary of this year's TBL is provided here, with reference to the sections of law changed upon the Governor's signature on July 16, 2021.

1. Early Intervention Services Act ([GOV §95020](#)) – Early Intervention Services Act– IFSP to be conducted upon request via video remote [until June 30, 2022](#).
2. DDS/DSS licensed program ([HSC §1502](#))– Authorizes the expansion of the Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHNs) model to children, which would be licensed as Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (GHCSHNs).
3. GHCSHNs ([HSC §1524](#)) – Requires GHCSHNs to be licensed through Community Care licensing.
4. GHCSHNs ([HSC §1534](#)) – Requires GHCSHNs to be vendored by regional centers.
5. Remote services ([WIC §4646](#))- Authorizes the continuance of remote service delivery [until June 30, 2022](#). Implicit Bias ([WIC §4511.1](#)) –Mandates implicit bias training for regional center personnel. However, training shall be prioritized for regional center personnel and contractors involved in eligibility determinations or directly assisting individuals and their families during the intake processes, service coordination, and those overseeing purchase of service policies.
6. Service restoration ([WIC §4648.5](#))–This bill ends the suspension of:
 - a. Camping services and associated travel expenses;
 - b. Social recreation activities;
 - c. Education services for children 3-17 years of age; and,
 - d. Nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music.
7. Regional center reporting requirements ([WIC §4640.6](#))– This bill would require public meeting and other reporting requirements on behalf of the regional center when additional funding has been received to support increased service coordination and caseload ratios.
8. GHCSHNs Requirement ([WIC §4684.50](#))– Authorizes a health care plan before individuals can be placed in homes.
9. Rate Increase ([WIC §4519.10](#)) – Requires DDS to implement rate increases [from April 1, 2022 through July 1, 2025](#) for service providers. TBL also requires quality measures and an incentive program for regional centers and service providers to be developed by DDS with input from stakeholders.
10. GHCSHNs ([WIC §4474.15](#))– Requires DDS to report to legislature on a quarterly basis the status of development for GHCSHNs.
11. Out of State Services ([WIC §4519](#))– This bill will allow for longer DDS approvals for those living out of state.
12. Equity Independent Contractor ([WIC §4519.5](#))– Requires DDS to contract with entity to perform a study related to equity and disparity projects.
13. DSP Training ([WIC §4511.5](#))– Requires training on person centered, cultural and linguistic competency for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in exchange for pay differentials.

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14. Provisional Eligibility (3–4-year-old) ([WIC §4512](#))– Allows for regional center services on a provisional basis for children ages 3-4 without a formal diagnosis of a developmental disability.
15. Standard performance indicators ([WIC §4620.5](#))– Requires the Department to meet with stakeholders to develop indicators for an incentive program for regional centers.
16. Bilingual Differential ([WIC §4641.1](#)) – Differential pay for DSPs providing services in other languages.
17. Self Determination Program ([WIC §4685.9](#)) – Requires DDS to offer the Self-Determination Program to all regional center service recipients as of [July 1, 2021](#). Requires the establishment of an Ombudsperson by DDS for the program.
18. Rate suspensions lifted ([WIC §4691.12](#))– Rate suspension lifted for supported employment services, vouchered community-based services, independent living programs, infant development programs, and early start specialized therapeutic services.
19. Prohibition Holiday Services (~~[WIC §4692](#)~~) – Allows for regional centers to provide service delivery funding on holidays for certain vendors.
20. Competitive Integrated Employment ([WIC §4870](#))– Authorizes additional funding for service providers establishing paid internship program placements and also requires the establishment of community integrated employment incentive payments for service providers.
21. Acute Crisis Homes ([WIC §4418.7](#)) – Modifies the definition of acute crisis homes operated by DDS to indicate that these are real properties used to provide Stabilization, Training, Assistance and Reintegration (STAR) services.
22. Acute Crisis Commitments ([WIC §6502](#))– Authorizes the petition for commitment of person with a developmental disability to be filed with the Superior Court.
23. Canyon Springs Community Facility ([WIC §7505](#))– Allows for placements in the Canyon Springs Community Facility [through June 30, 2022](#).
24. DDS exempt from DGS Approval ([WIC §4418.7](#))– Authorizes DDS to engage in lease activity for STAR homes without receiving the approval of the Department of General Services.
25. Uniform Fiscal System – Authorizes \$6,000,000 for planning for the replacement of the Uniform Fiscal System and a consumer management system.
26. State Reimbursement– Indicates no reimbursement from state to local agencies and school districts for certain mandates.
27. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.