

CalWORKs 2011-2012 State Budget Impact on Impoverished Families with Needy Children

2011-2012 Governor's Proposed Budget		March 2011-2012 Budget Trailer Bill SB 72		Final Budget Trailer Bill AB 106	
Budget Proposal	Fiscal Impact On Impoverished Families of California	Budget Proposal	Fiscal Impact On Impoverished Families of California	Budget Proposal	Fiscal Impact On Impoverished Families of California
Limiting Cal-WORKs to 48 months except those who meet the FWPRs and do away with all time clock extenders	-\$698.1 million	Limiting Cal-WORKs to 48 months only	-\$102.6 million		
Reducing Cal-WORKS benefits by 13%	-\$405 million	Reducing Cal-WORKS benefits by 8%	-\$314.3 million		
		Modify Earned Income Disregard from a standard deduction of \$225 down to \$112.	-\$83.3 million		
		Reduce Child-Only cases by 5% annually, up to 15%	-\$86.3 million	Repealed Reduce Child-Only cases by 5% annually, up to 15%	+\$86.3 million
		Suspended CalLearn, but maintained bonuses	+\$43.6 million *		
		Exempted WtW participation for families with children between 24 and 36 months.	+\$43.2 million *	Repealed WtW participation exemption for families with children between 24 and 36 months.	-\$43.2 million
Total Impact of Impoverished Families	-\$1,094.1 million		-\$499.8 million		+\$43.1 million

* These savings in the State budget did not have a negative impact on impoverished families. In fact the increase of the WtW exemption from 24 month to 36 month had a highly positive impact on impoverished families because these families would not be subjected to the punitive WtW sanctions which reduce the fixed income of families by another whopping 25% on the average.

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