

## Huge Victory for CalWORKs—Match Update

September 9, 2019

We did it! Through advocacy with the Department of Finance, the State Assembly Budget Committee, the League, the California Department of Social Services, The Western Center on Law and Poverty, and the Chancellor's Office, **the match language for CalWORKs has been stricken from the Budget Act of 2019.**

I would like to thank you all for your advice, support, and steadfast commitment to CalWORKs and our students. Dr. Viar, thank you for intervening several times to bring this issue to the attention of other colleges, the League, and the Chancellor's Office. This was a wonderful lesson on how advocacy can make a difference for programs and students across the state, and the CalWORKs Association now has a number of other legislative goals on our agenda.

The new language can be found here:

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB109](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB109), Section 76, subparagraph 8.

Once more, thank you for all your support!

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Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Here's a screenshot for your enjoyment.

8. (a) The funds appropriated in Schedule (7) shall be allocated pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 79200) of Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code.
- (b) Of the amount appropriated in Schedule (7):
- (1) \$9,488,000 is for childcare, except that a community college district may request that the chancellor approve the use of funds for other purposes.
- (2) No less than \$5,060,000 shall be used to provide direct workstudy wage reimbursement for students served under this program, and \$633,000 is available for campus job development and placement services.
- ~~(c) A community college district is required to spend \$1 from local or other resources for every \$1 received pursuant to this provision, except for any funds received pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).~~
9. The funds appropriated in Schedule (8) shall be allocated to community college districts to provide foster and relative or kinship care education and training pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 79420) of Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code. A community college district shall ensure that education and training required pursuant to Sections 1529.1 and 1529.2 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 16003 of the Welfare and Institutions Code receive priority.
10. (a) Of the amount included in Schedule (9):
- (3) (A) \$7,500,000 may be used by the chancellor to provide technical assistance to community college districts that demonstrate low performance in any area of operations. It is the intent of the Legislature that technical assistance providers be contracted in a cost-effective manner, that they primarily consist of experts who are current and former employees of the California Community