

AMENDMENTS TO LB814
(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER31)

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

1 1. Strike section 100 and all amendments thereto and insert the
2 following new section:

3 Sec. 100. AGENCY NO. 25 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
4 Program No. 354 - Child Welfare Aid

	FY2023-24	FY2024-25
6 GENERAL FUND	191,837,350	196,756,746
7 FEDERAL FUND est.	58,010,814	59,496,793
8 PROGRAM TOTAL	249,848,164	256,253,539

9 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24
10 \$191,837,350 General Funds and \$58,010,814 Federal Funds estimate for
11 state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included
12 in the appropriation to this program for FY2024-25 \$196,756,746 General
13 Funds and \$59,496,793 Federal Funds estimate for state aid, which shall
14 only be used for such purpose.

15 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
16 FY2023-24 \$3,000,000 federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
17 funds for domestic violence services. There is included in the amount
18 shown as aid for this program for FY2024-25 \$3,000,000 federal Temporary
19 Assistance for Needy Families funds for domestic violence services. It is
20 the intent of the Legislature to continue such appropriations in future
21 years.

22 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
23 FY2023-24 \$1,000,000 General Funds to make a grant available for a
24 licensed residential child-care agency which provides outreach services
25 to homeless youth in a city of the primary class as of July 1, 2023, to
26 facilitate housing for pregnant and parenting homeless youth to be

1 located in a city of the primary class.

2 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Children
3 and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services
4 provide a rate increase to child welfare providers under Program 354 by
5 using unspent federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars reappropriated to
6 the department by the Legislature. Such rate increase should be equal to
7 an across-the-board increase of three percent in FY2023-24 and two
8 percent in FY2024-25. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that
9 such rate increases as described be acknowledged and accounted for by the
10 department as base rate increases for purposes of publishing rate
11 schedules and for purposes of preparing budget requests in future
12 years. In addition, the following five services shall receive additional
13 increases in FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to supplement the across-the-board
14 increases in order to achieve a rate necessary to ensure sufficient
15 levels of service: Family Support; Parenting Time/Supervised Visits;
16 Travel Time and Distance; Intensive Family Preservation; and Intensive
17 Family Reunification.