

AB 2137 (Quirk-Silva): Supporting Homeless and Foster Youth in Education



- Allow FYSCPs to offer direct services to foster youth without requiring written approval from LEAs that they are unable to provide those services.
- Require LEAs to provide a copy of foster youth students' FAFSA/CADAA “opt-out” forms to the county FYSCP to assist with existing statutory mandates related to FAFSA/CADAA completion.
- Close loopholes in the LCAP process to ensure the needs of homeless students are addressed by requiring LEAs to consult with their designated McKinney-Vento homeless liaison to improve academic performance and identification of homeless students.

AB 2508 (McCarty):

Expanding CalKIDS College Savings Accounts for Youth in Foster Care



- Research shows that children with higher education savings accounts are more likely to go to college and graduate than children without any savings.
- Currently, children born in California on or after July 1, 2022 are all awarded a CalKIDS college savings account with an initial deposit in it. First graders who are identified as low-income, foster youth, or homeless, receive an additional \$500 deposit in their account. This can be up to \$1,500 if they meet all three categories.
- **AB 2508 will rectify that by expanding CalKIDS eligibility to apply to all foster youth, in first through twelfth grade.**

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