

## Assembly Bill No. 98

### CHAPTER 589

An act to add Section 11322.63 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 98, Niello. CalWORKs eligibility: work activities.

Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. Existing law provides for the CalWORKs program for the allocation of federal funds received through the TANF block grant program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families.

Existing law requires certain participants in the CalWORKs program to participate in certain welfare-to-work activities, including, but not limited to, subsidized employment in either the public or private sector.

This bill would require the department to pay 50% of the wage subsidy to counties that include these activities within their welfare-to-work activities, subject to prescribed limitations. The bill would also require the department, no later than January 10, 2011, to report to the Legislature on the outcomes of implementing the bill, as prescribed.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 11322.63 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

11322.63. (a) For counties that implement a welfare-to-work plan that includes activities pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 11322.6, the State Department of Social Services shall pay the county 50 percent of the participant's wage subsidy, subject to both of the following conditions:

(1) The state's share in wage subsidies shall not exceed 50 percent of the maximum aid payment for the assistance unit, which includes the adult receiving the wage subsidy.

(2) State participation in wage subsidies pursuant to this section shall be limited to those county programs that provide a maximum of six months of wage subsidies for each participant.

(b) No later than January 10, 2011, the State Department of Social Services shall submit a report to the Legislature on the outcomes of

implementing this section that shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The number of CalWORKs recipients that entered subsidized employment.
  - (2) The number of CalWORKs recipients who found nonsubsidized employment after the subsidy ends.
  - (3) The earnings of the program participants before and after the subsidy.
  - (4) The impact of this program on the state's work participation rate.
- (c) Payment of the state's share in wage subsidies required by this section shall be made in addition to, and independent of, the county allocations made pursuant to Section 15204.2.