

An act to add Section 11322.83 to the Welfare and Institutions Code,  
relating to CalWORKs, and making an appropriation therefor.



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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 11322.83 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, immediately following Section 11322.8, to read:

11322.83. (a) A recipient who is making satisfactory progress in a career pathway program established in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128) shall be deemed to be in compliance with the hourly participation requirements described in subdivision (a) of Section 11322.8.

(b) Subdivision (a) applies only if a local workforce development board established under Section 3122 of Title 29 of the United States Code provides its approval that the career pathway program meets the requirements of Section 3102(7) of Title 29 of the United States Code and the county verifies that the recipient is making satisfactory progress in that program.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.

General Subject: CalWORKS: career pathway program.

Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law requires a recipient of CalWORKs to participate for a specified number of hours each week in welfare-to-work activities as a condition of eligibility.

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 provides for workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate. Existing federal law requires the local chief elected officials in a local workforce development area to form, pursuant to specified guidelines, a local workforce development board to, among other things, plan and oversee the workforce development system and lead efforts in the local area to develop and implement career pathways within the local area.



This bill would deem a recipient who is making satisfactory progress in a career pathway program established in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to be in compliance with the hourly participation requirements of the CalWORKS program under specified conditions.

By increasing the duties of counties administering the CalWORKS program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Because moneys from the General Fund are continuously appropriated to defray a portion of county aid grant costs under the CalWORKS program, by expanding eligibility for aid payments, this bill would make an appropriation.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

