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THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED BUDGET WOULD DROP MORE THAN 225,000 CHILDREN FROM THE CalWORKs PROGRAM

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program provides cash assistance for eligible low-income families with children, while helping parents find jobs and overcome barriers to employment. The Governor's May Revision continues to propose three major CalWORKs policy changes that are similar to proposals he put forward – and that the Legislature rejected – in 2007. In addition, the May Revision contains a new proposal to require adults in some families receiving CalWORKs cash grants to meet with a county worker every six months in order to assess what services could help increase their work participation or help them leave aid. Families that fail to complete the review would lose all cash assistance. Overall, more than 225,000 children would lose their CalWORKs cash grants under the Governor's proposals, which depart from the state's historic, bipartisan commitment to provide a strong work incentive for parents, while promoting the well-being of children.

Estimated Number of Children Who Would Lose CalWORKs Cash Assistance Between October 2008 and October 2009 Under the Governor's May Revision Proposals					
County	Eliminate "Safety-Net" Assistance for Certain Children	Eliminate "Child-Only" Assistance for Certain Children	Impose "Full-Family Sanctions" on Certain Families	Eliminate Assistance for Children Whose Parents Fail To Attend a Meeting With County Workers	Total
Alameda	3,740	1,970	1,470	990	8,170
Alpine	0	1	0	0	1
Amador	10	30	30	20	90
Butte	610	500	190	220	1,520
Calaveras	20	40	20	20	100
Colusa	10	30	30	10	80
Contra Costa	1,290	1,170	720	510	3,690
Del Norte	160	90	40	50	340
El Dorado	70	110	110	50	340
Fresno	4,900	3,720	3,620	1,740	13,980
Glenn	60	70	60	30	220
Humboldt	170	230	240	100	740
Imperial	640	390	710	280	2,020
Inyo	10	20	10	10	50
Kern	2,230	3,190	3,960	1,220	10,600
Kings	490	380	350	160	1,380

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Lake	120	130	150	70	470
Lassen	50	40	20	30	140
Los Angeles	28,240	25,510	11,440	8,850	74,040
Madera	530	520	220	170	1,440
Marin	70	130	120	50	370
Mariposa	10	20	10	10	50
Mendocino	110	150	250	80	590
Merced	1,100	940	1,050	420	3,510
Modoc	20	20	4	10	54
Mono	2	10	3	2	17
Monterey	330	760	470	260	1,820
Napa	30	100	50	30	210
Nevada	30	60	60	30	180
Orange	1,840	3,590	1,680	1,070	8,180
Placer	170	170	80	90	510
Plumas	10	10	*	10	30
Riverside	3,020	3,700	1,830	1,530	10,080
Sacramento	9,410	2,870	480	1,570	14,330
San Benito	70	90	50	40	250
San Bernardino	6,240	5,150	3,070	2,270	16,730
San Diego	3,000	4,060	1,780	1,630	10,470
San Francisco	870	410	620	230	2,130
San Joaquin	2,500	1,940	1,240	940	6,620
San Luis Obispo	70	230	340	100	740
San Mateo	160	420	80	130	790
Santa Barbara	390	690	370	250	1,700
Santa Clara	1,970	2,060	1,240	840	6,110
Santa Cruz	180	280	190	120	770
Shasta	250	330	520	180	1,280
Sierra	1	2	3	1	7
Siskiyou	90	70	30	50	240
Solano	960	620	100	310	1,990
Sonoma	110	440	470	170	1,190
Stanislaus	1,410	1,370	1,060	620	4,460
Sutter	190	170	110	80	550
Tehama	110	170	180	70	530
Trinity	30	20	20	10	80
Tulare	2,230	1,970	410	790	5,400
Tuolumne	40	60	80	30	210
Ventura	390	920	260	390	1,960
Yolo	340	240	230	120	930

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Yuba	510	220	260	110	1,100
Statewide	81,620	72,610	42,210	29,170	225,610

* Not available.

Note: Children would lose cash assistance as of October 1, 2008 under the safety-net and child-only proposals; as of October 1, 2009 under the full-family sanctions proposal; and between October 2008 and December 2008 under the proposal to require certain CalWORKs participants to meet with a county worker every six months. The numbers of children who would lose aid statewide under each proposal are Department of Social Services estimates. County estimates are based on the number children in each county's CalWORKs caseload, including those in safety-net, child-only, and sanctioned families, in November 2007. Plumas County did not report the number of families in sanction status in November 2007. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for some estimates for certain small counties. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Social Services data