

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 3200**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Kalra, Reyes, and Thurmond**  
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(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Hill, and Wiener)

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An act to amend Section 12201 of, and to add Section 12200.7 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3200, as introduced, Kalra. Public social services: SSI/SSP.

Existing law provides for the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), which requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to SSP recipients to supplement Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act.

Under existing law, benefit payments under SSP are calculated by establishing the maximum level of nonexempt income and federal SSI and state SSP benefits for each category of eligible recipient, with an annual cost-of-living adjustment, effective January 1 of each year. Existing law prohibits, for each calendar year, commencing with the 2011 calendar year, any cost-of-living adjustment from being made to the maximum benefit payment unless otherwise specified by statute, except for the pass along of any cost-of-living increase in the federal SSI benefits. Existing law continuously appropriates funds for the implementation of SSP.

This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2019 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment provided to an individual or a married couple that does not equal or exceed 100% of the 2018 federal poverty level to be increased to an amount that equals 100% of the federal poverty level. By reinstating the cost-of-living adjustment and by increasing the amount of benefits paid under the SSP, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12200.7 is added to the Welfare and  
 2 Institutions Code, to read:  
 3 12200.7. (a) Commencing January 1, 2019, any maximum aid  
 4 payment provided to an individual pursuant to Section 12200 and  
 5 adjusted pursuant to Section 12201 that does not equal or exceed  
 6 100 percent of the 2018 federal poverty level for a household of  
 7 one shall be increased to an amount that equals 100 percent of the  
 8 2018 federal poverty level for a household of one.  
 9 (b) Commencing January 1, 2019, any maximum aid payment  
 10 provided to a married couple pursuant to Section 12200 and  
 11 adjusted pursuant to Section 12201 that does not equal or exceed  
 12 100 percent of the 2018 federal poverty level for a household of  
 13 two shall be increased to an amount that equals 100 percent of the  
 14 2018 federal poverty level for a household of two.  
 15 (c) This section is not intended to result in the reduction of any  
 16 payment provided to an individual that exceeds 100 percent of the  
 17 2018 federal poverty level for a household of one during the 2019  
 18 calendar year.  
 19 (d) This section is not intended to result in the reduction of any  
 20 payment provided to a married couple that exceeds 100 percent  
 21 of the 2018 federal poverty level for a household of two during  
 22 the 2019 calendar year.  
 23 SEC. 2. Section 12201 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is  
 24 amended to read:  
 25 12201. (a) Except as provided in ~~subdivision (d)~~, *subdivisions*  
 26 *(d) and (g)*, the payment schedules set forth in Section 12200 shall  
 27 be adjusted annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the

1 cost of living. Except as provided in subdivision ~~(e), (f), or (g)~~, *(e)*  
 2 *or (f)*, these adjustments shall become effective January 1 of each  
 3 year. The cost-of-living adjustment shall be based on the changes  
 4 in the California Necessities Index, which as used in this section  
 5 shall be the weighted average of changes for food, clothing, fuel,  
 6 utilities, rent, and transportation for low-income consumers. The  
 7 computation of annual adjustments in the California Necessities  
 8 Index shall be made in accordance with the following steps:

9 (1) The base period expenditure amounts for each expenditure  
 10 category within the California Necessities Index used to compute  
 11 the annual grant adjustment are:

12		
13	Food.....	\$ 3,027
14	Clothing (apparel and upkeep).....	406
15	Fuel and other utilities.....	529
16	Rent, residential.....	4,883
17	Transportation.....	1,757
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19	Total.....	\$10,602
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21 (2) Based on the appropriate components of the Consumer Price  
 22 Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the United States  
 23 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage  
 24 change shall be determined for the 12-month period ~~which~~ *that*  
 25 ends 12 months prior to the January in which the cost-of-living  
 26 adjustment will take effect, for each expenditure category specified  
 27 in paragraph (1) within the following geographical areas: Los  
 28 Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, San Francisco-Oakland, San Diego,  
 29 and, to the extent statistically valid information is available from  
 30 the Bureau of Labor Statistics, additional geographical areas within  
 31 the state ~~which~~ *that* include not less than 80 percent of recipients  
 32 of aid under this chapter.

33 (3) Calculate a weighted percentage change for each of the  
 34 expenditure categories specified in paragraph (1) using the  
 35 applicable weighting factors for each area used by the Department  
 36 of Industrial Relations to calculate the California Consumer Price  
 37 Index (CCPI).

38 (4) Calculate a category adjustment factor for each expenditure  
 39 category in paragraph (1) by (1) adding 100 to the applicable

1 weighted percentage change as determined in paragraph (2) and  
2 (2) dividing the sum by 100.

3 (5) Determine the expenditure amounts for the current year by  
4 multiplying each expenditure amount determined for the prior year  
5 by the applicable category adjustment factor determined in  
6 paragraph (4).

7 (6) Determine the overall adjustment factor by dividing (1) the  
8 sum of the expenditure amounts as determined in paragraph (4)  
9 for the current year by (2) the sum of the expenditure amounts as  
10 determined in paragraph (4) for the prior year.

11 (b) The overall adjustment factor determined by the preceding  
12 computational steps shall be multiplied by the payment schedules  
13 established pursuant to Section 12200 as are in effect during the  
14 month of December preceding the calendar year in which the  
15 adjustments are to occur, and the product rounded to the nearest  
16 dollar. The resultant amounts shall constitute the new schedules  
17 for the categories given under subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),  
18 (f), and (g) of Section 12200, and shall be filed with the Secretary  
19 of State. The amount as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section  
20 12200 shall be adjusted annually pursuant to this section in the  
21 event that the secretary agrees to administer payment under that  
22 subdivision. The payment schedule for subdivision (i) of Section  
23 12200 shall be computed as specified, based on the new payment  
24 schedules for subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 12200.

25 (c) The department shall adjust any amounts of aid under this  
26 chapter to ensure that the minimum level required by the Social  
27 Security Act in order to maintain eligibility for funds under Title  
28 XIX of that act is met.

29 (d) (1) No adjustment shall be made under this section for the  
30 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2006,  
31 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 calendar years to reflect any change  
32 in the cost of living. Elimination of the cost-of-living adjustment  
33 pursuant to this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements of Section  
34 12201.05, and no further reduction shall be made pursuant to that  
35 section.

36 (2) Any cost-of-living adjustment granted under this section for  
37 any calendar year shall not include adjustments for any calendar  
38 year in which the cost-of-living adjustment was suspended pursuant  
39 to paragraph (1).

1 (e) For the 2003 calendar year, the adjustment required by this  
2 section shall become effective June 1, 2003.

3 (f) For the 2005 calendar year, the adjustment required by this  
4 section shall become effective April 1, 2005.

5 (g) (1) For the ~~2011 calendar year and each calendar year~~  
6 ~~thereafter~~, *to the 2018 calendar years, inclusive*, no adjustment  
7 shall be made under this section unless otherwise specified by  
8 statute.

9 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the pass along of federal  
10 benefits provided for in Section 12201.05 shall be effective on  
11 January 1 of each calendar year.

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