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## WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE - WIC

DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.) PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771] ( Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

CHAPTER 2. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act [11200 - 11526.5] (Heading of Chapter 2 amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 270, Sec. 49.)

ARTICLE 3.9. Employment with Public Contractors [11349 - 11349.4] (Article 3.9 added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)

11349. In complying with Section 10353 of the Public Contract Code, a contractor shall give priority consideration to qualified recipients of aid under this chapter. For purposes of this article, priority consideration means that a contractor shall hire all qualified job applicants who are recipients of aid under this chapter and who apply within five working days of the listing of the job opening with the Employment Development Department, before hiring any other applicant.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)

11349.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, participation by a recipient of aid under this chapter, shall be voluntary only, and in no event shall any person be subject to sanctions, through loss of benefits or eligibility, for not applying for, accepting, or continuing in such a position.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)

11349.2. Contractors shall immediately list with the appropriate local office of the Employment Development Department all suitable employment openings in positions funded by a contract subject to Section 10353 of the Public Contract Code. The Employment Development Department shall advise qualified recipients of aid of these openings and shall refer them to the contractor within five working days from the listing of the openings. The Employment Development Department shall advise recipients of aid of the voluntary nature of an application for such an opening, and that the recipients shall have priority in being hired for these openings, provided the recipient possesses all the necessary skills and meets all requirements of the employer.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)

11349.3. This article and Section 10353 of the Public Contract Code may be waived by the Governor, if requested to do so by the state agency involved, in order to address an emergency which threatens the public health or safety, the state's natural resources, or the economy. If an emergency waiver is granted, notification including reasons for the waiver shall be forwarded to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee within five working days.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)

11349.4. In the event that the State Department of Social Services determines that a waiver of any federal regulations or policies, or both, are required to fulfill the provisions of this article, the department shall seek those waivers. If the waivers necessary are not granted by March 1, 1985, the department shall report on the barriers to the waivers and the expected date of waiver approval.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1259, Sec. 3.)