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The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**DENIAL OF PUBLIC BENEFITS FOR PERSONS WHO CANNOT VERIFY LAWFUL PRESENCE. DENIAL OF STANDARD BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Requires applicants for state, local, and state-administered federal aid to verify lawful presence in United States. Requires applications for public benefits submitted by undocumented parents on behalf of their lawful-resident children to be given to federal authorities. Permits issuance of “Foreign Parent” birth certificate if undocumented mother provides government-issued photo ID, US address, fingerprints, and a record of publicly funded delivery costs. Eliminates benefits for children in child-only CalWORKS cases. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: If upheld in the courts, unknown significant one-time and ongoing costs to state and local governments due to changes in the application process for public benefits as well as unknown but likely significant savings from decreased use of public benefits. Unknown potential one-time and ongoing costs due to changes in the way birth certificates are issued. These costs would be offset to an unknown extent by additional new fees for certain birth certificates. Unknown, but probably minor, state and local law enforcement costs due to provisions in the measure creating new crimes, such as for the filing of false affidavits to obtain public benefits. If upheld in the courts, state savings of over \$1 billion annually from prohibiting child-only CalWORKS cases, partially offset by state and county costs for children who shifted to Foster Care or county general assistance programs. Further unknown savings from the provisions changing the application processes for public benefits. (09-0010.)