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Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 6518

File No. 373

Cal. No. 251

**"AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY PATERNITY
ESTABLISHMENT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) There is established
4 within the Department of Social Services, within available
5 appropriations, the John S. Martinez Fatherhood Initiative. Said
6 initiative shall promote the positive involvement and interaction of
7 fathers with their children with an emphasis on children eligible or
8 formerly eligible for services funded by the temporary assistance for
9 needy families block grant and shall identify those services that
10 effectively encourage and enhance responsible and skillful parenting
11 and those services that increase the ability of fathers to meet the

12 financial and medical needs of their children through employment
13 services and child support enforcement measures. The objectives of the
14 initiative shall be to: (1) Promote public education concerning the
15 financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood; (2) assist men in
16 preparation for the legal, financial and emotional responsibilities of
17 fatherhood; (3) promote the establishment of paternity at childbirth; (4)
18 encourage fathers, regardless of marital status, to foster their emotional
19 connection to and financial support of their children; (5) establish
20 support mechanisms for fathers in their relationship with their
21 children, regardless of their marital and financial status; and (6)
22 integrate state and local services available for families."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>