DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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March 28, 2008

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-19-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
       ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
       CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES
       ALL ADOPTION SERVICE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2488; ADOPTION: SIBLING MUTUAL CONSENT
              PROGRAM – CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 07-17 dated August 13, 2007

The provisions of AB 2488 permit adoptees and siblings greater opportunities to initiate and make contact with each other. The ACL 07-17 dated August 13, 2007, provided information and instructions regarding AB 2488, (Chapter 386, Statutes of 2006), which amended Family Code Section 9205.

This All County Information Notice is to inform you that due to budgetary shortfalls, and as part of the 2007-08 State Budget, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed funding for implementation of AB 2488, stating that implementation of the program would be delayed for one year. Therefore, no funds have been allocated to implement this law, and unless alternative funding sources can be identified, it is the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) expectation that some counties may not be able to comply with the provisions of AB 2488.

As part of the Budget-Balancing Reduction Proposal for the 2008-09 Governor's Budget, the state has recommended that AB 2488 be repealed.   In the meantime, counties should notify the CDSS immediately if litigation or disputes arise over the failure of a county to provide the services that are anticipated by this bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Rodriguez, Adoptions Consultant, at (916) 651-8089.

Sincerely,

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Acting Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: CWDA