

2018 Legislative Report to the Commission May 14, 2018

LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW

Senate Bill 1101 (Pan)

S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

S-APPR. - VOTE 5/14/18 - Y:7 N:0 A:0

Title: Mental health.

Summary: Would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2020, to establish statewide objectives for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of mental illness, the promotion of mental health and well-being, and innovation as a strategy for transformational change, and metrics by which progress toward each of those objectives may be measured.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session*

Assembly Bill 2287 (Kiley)

A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

A-APPR. VOTE- unavailable

Title: Mental Health Services Act.

Summary: Would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to develop a local government transparency and accountability strategy for local mental health programs that includes fiscal, program and outcome components, as specified. The bill would also require the commission to develop a transparency and accountability strategy for state government that includes fiscal information, and information on programs and outcomes related to mental health.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Assembly Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session.*

Assembly Bill 2843 (Gloria)

A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

A-APPR. VOTE -unavailable

Title: Mental Health Services Fund.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require a county that receives reallocated funds from the Mental Health Services Fund to spend those funds within 2 years of adopting an expenditure plan for those funds. It would further state the intent of the Legislature that any funds not expended by a county within those 2 years would revert to the Mental Health Services Fund to be redistributed to cities, special districts, school districts, or other public entities for the provision of mental health services consistent with the intent of the MHSA.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Assembly Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session.*

Senate Bill 1134 (Newman)

Title: Mental health services fund.

Summary: This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes.

Status/Location: Senate Rules.

Senate Bill 1206 (de León)

S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

S-APPR. - VOTE 5/22/18 - Y:7 N:0 A:0

Title: Mental health services fund.

Summary: Would enact the No Place Like Home Act of 2018 and provide for submission of that act to the voters at the November 6, 2018, statewide general election. The bill would specify that the service contracts between the California Health Facilities Financing Authority and the Department of Housing and Community Development may be single-year or multiyear contracts and provide for payments to the department from amounts on deposit in the Supportive Housing Program Subaccount. The bill would declare that the voters ratify as being consistent with and in furtherance of the MHSA, and approve for purposes of specified provisions of the California Constitution relating to debt, specified statutes related to the No Place Like Home Program and related financial provisions.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session.*

Senate Bill 1458 (Hueso)

Title: County mental health plans.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require compliance from county mental health programs regarding reporting requirements established pursuant to the MHSA.

Status/Location: Senate Rules

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 1019 (Beall)

S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

S-APPR. - VOTE 5/7/18 - Y:6 N:0 A:1

Title: Youth mental health and substance use disorder services.

Summary: Current law provides that funds appropriated by the Legislature to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the purposes of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 be made available to selected counties or counties acting jointly, except as otherwise provided, and used to provide, among other things, a complete continuum of crisis services for children and youth 21 years of age and under regardless of where they live in the state. The act requires the commission to allocate funds to triage personnel, as specified. This bill would require the commission, when making these funds available, to allocate at least one-half of those funds for services or programs targeted at children and youth 18 years of age and under.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session.*

Senate Bill 1113 (Monning)

Title: Mental health in the workplace: voluntary standards.

Summary: Would authorize the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to establish a framework and voluntary standard for mental health in the workplace that serves to reduce mental health stigma, increase public, employee, and employer awareness of the recovery goals of the Mental Health Services Act, and provide guidance to California's employer community to put in place strategies and programs, determined by the commission, to support the mental health and wellness of employees.

Status/Location: Assembly Committee on Health

SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

Assembly Bill 2325 (Irwin)

Referred to Senate Health Committee; VA Committee on 5/17/18

Title: County mental health services: veterans.

Summary: Would prevent a county from denying an eligible veteran county mental or behavioral health services while the veteran is waiting for a determination of eligibility for, and availability of, mental or behavioral health services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill would make specific findings and declarations about the county's duty to provide mental and behavioral health services to veterans.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Health Committee June 6, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.*

Senate Bill 215 (Beall)

Title: Diversion: mental disorders.

Summary: Would authorize a court, with the consent of the defendant and a waiver of the defendant's speedy trial right, to postpone prosecution of a misdemeanor or a felony punishable in a county jail, and place the defendant in a pretrial diversion program for up to 2 years if the court is satisfied the defendant suffers from a mental disorder, that the defendant's mental disorder played a significant role in the commission of the charged offense, and that the defendant would benefit from mental health treatment. For specified offenses, the bill would condition granting diversion on the consent of the prosecution.

Status/Location: Assembly Committee on Public Safety

Senate Bill 688 (Moorlach)

Title: Mental Health Services Act: revenue and expenditure reports.

Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the commission and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, to develop and administer instructions for the Annual Mental Health Services Act Revenue and Expenditure Report, which gathers specified information on mental health spending as a result of the MHSA, including the expenditures of funds distributed to each county. Current law requires counties to electronically submit the report to the department and the commission. This bill would require counties to prepare the reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as specified.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Assembly Committee on Health June 12, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.*

Senate Bill 906 (Beall)

S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

S-APPR. - VOTE 5/14/18 - Y:7 N:0 A:0

Title: Medi-Cal: mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, no later than July 1, 2019, a statewide peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification program, as a part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. The bill would include 4 certification categories: adult peer support specialists, transition-age youth peer support specialists, family peer support specialists, and parent peer support specialists.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session*

Senate Bill 1004 (Wiener) *

S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

S-APPR. - VOTE 5/14/18 - Y:7 N:0 A:0

Title: Mental Health Services Act: prevention and early intervention.

Summary: Would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, on or before January 1, 2020, to establish priorities for the use of prevention and early intervention funds and to develop a statewide strategy for monitoring implementation of prevention and early intervention services, including enhancing public understanding of prevention and early intervention and creating metrics for assessing the effectiveness of how prevention and early intervention funds are used and the outcomes that are achieved. The bill would also prohibit funding for county prevention and early intervention programs from being distributed until after the approval of the county's prevention and early intervention plan by the commission.

Status/Location: *Scheduled to be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee May 25, 2018, upon adjournment of Session.*

**Principles supported*