


MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 2, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 (a)(ii)(AA) – SB 215 (Beall) Inmates: Victim Advocates

Background:

This bill would require a state prison or a county jail to provide inmates with reasonable access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse, domestic violence, and suicide prevention by allowing inmates to call the toll-free hotlines of organizations that provide mental health crisis support. The bill would also specify that reasonable communication between an inmate and those organizations is confidential and require that calls to the toll-free hotlines are free of cost to inmates.

Location: Senate

Status: 02/09/17 Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch SB 215 (Beall).