


MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 2, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 (a)(ii)(P) – AB 689 (Obernolte) Juvenile Proceedings: Competency

Background:

This bill would revise the duties of a court appointed expert who performs evaluations on a minor whose competency is in doubt. This bill would require the Judicial Council in conjunction with various stakeholders to develop and adopt a rule of court identifying the training and experience needed for an expert to be competent in forensic evaluations of juveniles. This bill would also require a minor's competency be determined at an evidentiary hearing, would establish a presumption of mental competency unless proven by a preponderance of the evidence otherwise, and upon a finding of incompetency, require the court to refer the minor to services designed to help the minor attain competency.

Location: Assembly

Status: 02/15/2017 Introduced

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 689 (Obernolte).