


MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 31, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #12(b)(3)(II) – AB 1261 (Berman) Pupil Discipline: Pupil Suicide Prevention.

Background:

This bill would require, in developing a pupil suicide prevention policy in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts, a local educational agency with a mandatory expulsion policy or zero tolerance policy for the use of, possession of, or being under the influence of, alcohol, an intoxicant, or a controlled substance to consider whether the mandatory expulsion policy or zero tolerance policy is deterring pupils from seeking help for substance abuse. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program on local educational agencies.

This bill would include referrals to mental health professionals as other means of correction for purposes of the latter provision.

Location: Senate

Status: 5/26/2017 in Senate, read first time. To Senate Committee on Rules for assignment.

Vote: 5/26/2017 Assembly Floor (76-0-4)
5/17/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (17-0-0)
4/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Education (7-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 1261 (Berman) due to its potential impact on youth access to mental health screenings and suicide assessment and intervention services.