


MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 1, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #12(b)(3)(R) – AB 501 (Ridley-Thomas) Mental Health: Community Care Facilities

Background:

This bill would authorize the creation of short-term residential therapeutic programs that operate as children's crisis residential programs that admit any child who is experiencing a mental health crisis and meets specified requirements, including that the child has a serious behavioral health disorder and is referred by a parent or guardian, or by the representative of a public or private entity that has the right to make these decisions on behalf of a child.

The bill would require the Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with certain stakeholders including the State Department of Social Services, to establish program standards and procedures, as specified, for a children's crisis residential mental health program approval, and would require the children's crisis residential mental health program approval to be a condition of continued licensure for a short-term residential therapeutic program operating as a children's crisis residential program.

Location: Senate

Status: 5/31/2017 Read third time, passed, and ordered to the Senate.

Votes: 5/31/2017 Assembly Floor (75-0-5)
5/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (17-0-0)
4/25/2017 Assembly Committee on Human Services (7-0-0)
4/4/2017 Assembly Committee on Health (15-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 501 (Ridley-Thomas) due to its potential impact on access to mental health services for children experiencing serious mental health crises.