


MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 23, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #23 – Overview Presentation of the Legislative Process

Background:

This presentation is an overview of the legislative process in California and the Board's and staffs' roles and responsibilities during the process.

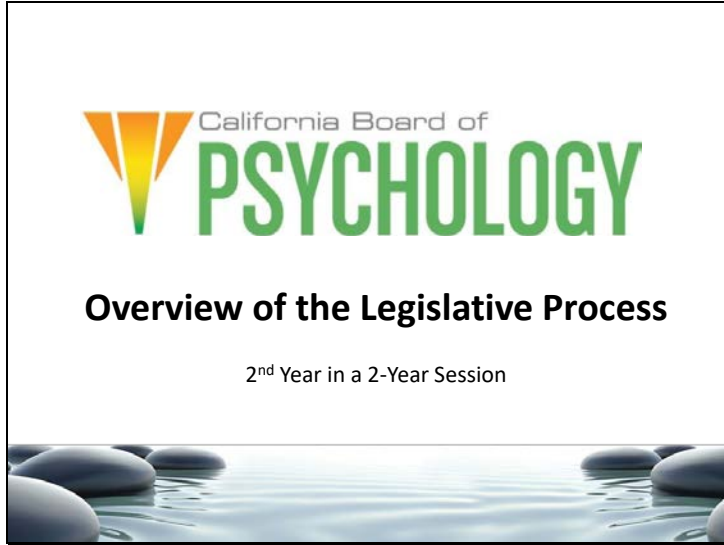
Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

Attachment A: Overview of the Legislative Process PowerPoint

Attachment B: Definitions of Common Terms

Attachment C: 2018 Tentative Legislative Calendar



- Overview:**
- DCA, The Board, and the Legislature
 - Terms and Definitions
 - Cast of Characters
 - The Legislative Process Overview
 - Major Legislative Deadlines
 - The Board’s Legislative Process
 - Q & A

Major Terms

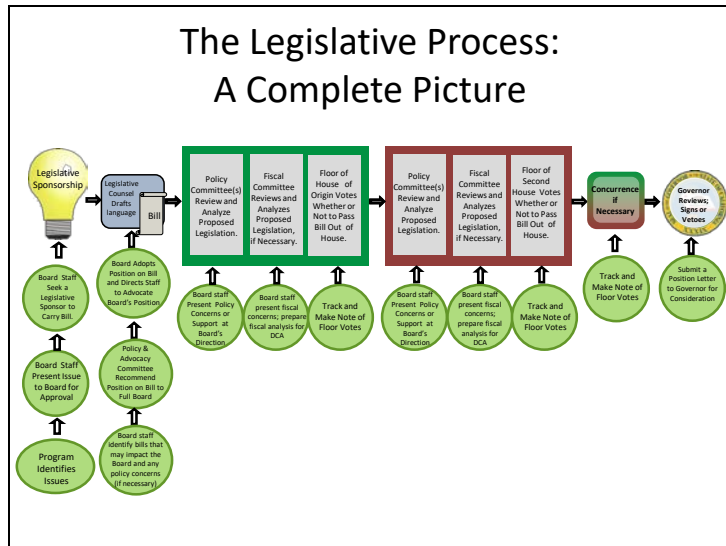
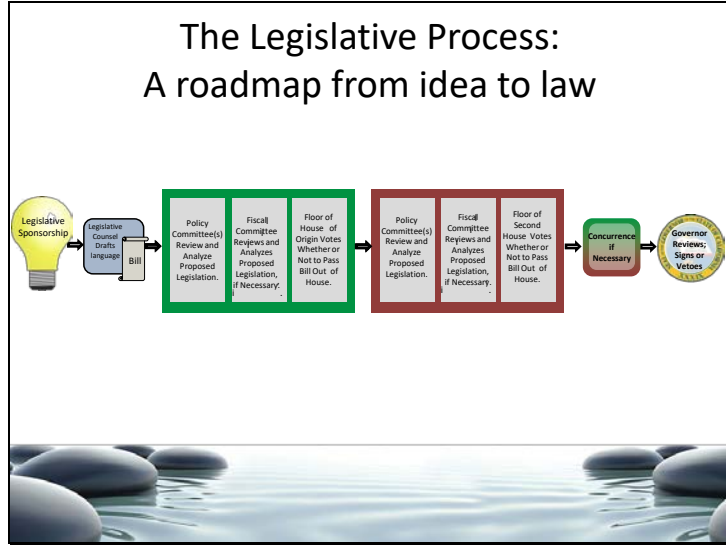
- Assembly
- Senate
- Author
- Sponsor
- Legislative Staffer
- Legislative Counsel
- Stakeholders
- House of Origin (First House)
- Second House
- Enrolled
- Chaptered
- Urgency Clause



Cast of Characters

- Legislators 
- Legislative Staff 
- Stakeholders 
- Governor’s Administration 
- Constitutional Offices 
- Independent Boards 





Major Legislative Deadlines

Most Important Dates to Track:

- Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd-numbered year
- Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd-numbered year.
- Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd- numbered year



Major Legislative Deadlines

Most Important Dates to Track (cont.):

- Last day to submit new bill requests to Legislative Counsel
- Last day to introduce bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass fiscal bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass nonfiscal bills
- Last day for fiscal committees to pass bills
- House of origin deadline



Major Legislative Deadlines

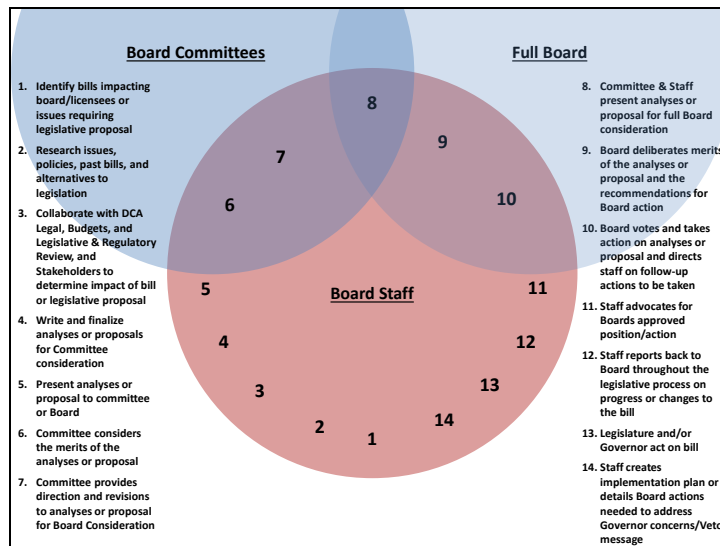
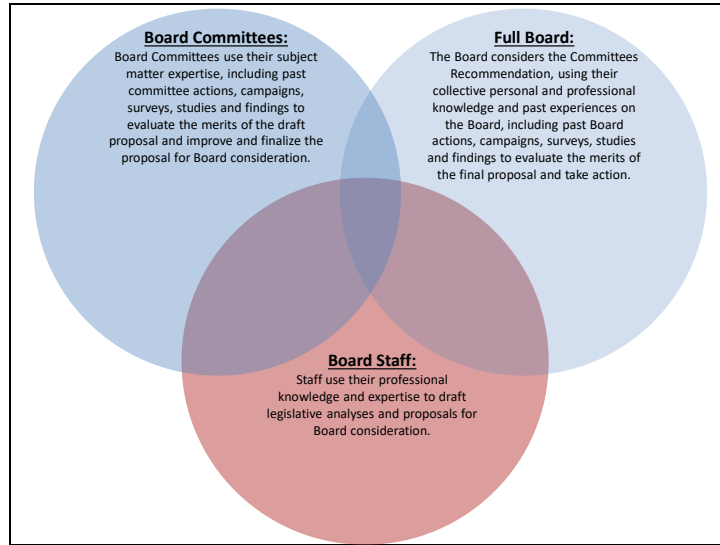
Most Important Dates to Track (cont.):

- Spring/Summer Recess
- Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- Last day for bills to pass on the Floor
- Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature



The Board's Process





Definitions of Common Terms

Assembly

The California State Assembly is the lower house of the California State Legislature. It consists of 80 members, with each member representing at least 465,000 people. An Assembly term is two years. The Assembly is associated with the color green.

Senate

The California State Senate is the upper house of the California State Legislature. It consists of 40 members, with each member representing approximately 931,000 people. A Senate term is four years. The Senate is associated with the color red.

Author

The legislator that is listed as the principle author of the bill. There may be more than one, but generally, the most important author is the first listed.

Sponsor

The private individual or group who developed a piece of legislation and advocates its passage.

Legislative Staffer

Staff of either a legislator or a legislative committee. This person is generally given a number of bills or certain subject areas to focus on for a session on behalf of their legislator or legislative committee.

Legislative Counsel

The nonpartisan public agency that drafts legislative proposals, prepares legal opinions, and provides other confidential legal services to the Legislature.

Stakeholders

Groups or individuals that have an interest in a given subject matter. Stakeholders can include interest groups (associations), individuals, and government entities (state, local, federal).

House of Origin (First House)

The House in which a measure begins; the Assembly is the House of Origin for all Assembly measures.

Second House

The house that hears measures following the House of Origin.

Urgency Clause

Language in a bill which states the bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A two-thirds vote is required for bills containing an urgency clause.

Enrolled

When a bill passes both the Senate and Assembly, it is ordered "enrolled." Upon enrollment, the bill is again proofread for accuracy and delivered to the Governor.

Chaptered

After a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number, for example, "Chapter 123, Statutes of 2015," which subsequently may be used to refer to the measure.

Chaptering Out

When, during a calendar year, two or more bills amending the same code section become law, the bill enacted last (with a higher chapter number) becomes law and prevails over ("chapters out") the code section in the bill or bills previously enacted. Chaptering out can be prevented with the adoption of "double jointing" amendments.

Double Jointing

Double jointing refers to technical amendments necessary when two or more bills propose to amend the same code section (i.e., are in conflict). Double jointing prevents the problem of chaptering out.

2018 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

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DEADLINES

JANUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 1	28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1					1	2	3
Wk. 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wk. 1	25	26	27	28			

MARCH							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1					1	2	3
Wk. 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Spring Recess	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wk. 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wk. 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk. 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Wk. 1	29	30					

MAY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1			1	2	3	4	5
Wk. 2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wk. 3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Wk. 4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No Hrgs.	27	28	29	30	31		

- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 3** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- Jan. 12** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to **fiscal committees** fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 19** Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3)) (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).

Feb. 16 Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).

Feb. 19 Presidents' Day.

Mar. 22 **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).

Mar. 30 Cesar Chavez Day observed.

Apr. 2 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51 (b)(1)).

Apr. 27 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

May 11 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **nonfiscal** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).

May 18 Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 4 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).

May 25 Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)). Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 4 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).

May 28 Memorial Day.

May 29 – June 1 **Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).

*Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

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JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
No Hrgs.						1	2
Wk. 1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wk. 2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Wk. 3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Wk. 4	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 1 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

June 4 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).

June 28 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 6 General Election ballot. (Elec. Code Sec. 9040)

June 29 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report **fiscal bills** to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Summer Recess	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Summer Recess	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Summer Recess	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Summer Recess	29	30	31				

July 4 Independence Day.

July 6 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)). **Summer Recess** begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess				1	2	3	4
Wk. 2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk. 3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
No Hrgs.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Hrgs.	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Aug. 6 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 17 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 20 – 31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 24 Last day to **amend** on Floor (J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(18)). **Final Recess** begins on adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

2018

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(2)).

Oct. 1 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2019 (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Nov. 6 General Election.

Nov. 30 Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 3 2019-20 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

2019

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).