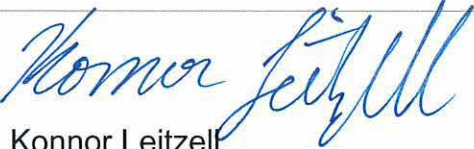


MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 2, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 (a)(ii)(CC) – SB 684 (Bates) Incompetence to Stand Trial: Conservatorship

Background:

Existing law prohibits a person from being tried or adjudged to punishment while that person is mentally incompetent. This bill would allow the initiation of conservatorship proceedings for defendants that have been charged with a felony involving death, great bodily harm, or a serious threat to the physical well-being of another person, if the defendant is gravely disabled due to a condition in which the person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter. If the defendant were determined to be ineligible for conservatorship, this bill would also require the county mental health director to refer the defendant to the local mental health department, and would require the department to provide the defendant with an opportunity to participate in a mental health treatment plan.

Location: Senate

Status: 02/17/2017 Introduced

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch SB 684 (Bates).