


MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 31, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #12(b)(3) – Review and Recommendations for the Board to Watch Bills

Background:

The following memos are bills that the Policy and Advocacy Committee recommend the Board watch. Each memo provides a summary of the bill's provisions and details an explanation of why the Board needs to watch the bill as it progresses through the legislative process.

For all watch bills, staff reviews the bill after any amendments are made to the bill, and staff reassesses the potential impacts of the amended language to determine if the bill requires a full analysis to be submitted to the Policy and Advocacy Committee and/or the full Board.

During the 2017 legislative session, Board staff has reviewed bills addressing the following subject areas:

- Access to patient records,
- Confidentiality of communications between patients and service providers,
- Criminal justice issues surrounding diversion programs and access to mental health services focused on reducing recidivism,
- Regulations and oversight of Applied Behavior Analysis providers,
- DCA organization and operations,
- DCA Board and bureau operations and streamlining licensure requirements, and
- Expedited processing or fee waivers for special categories of applicants.

These trends in bill subject areas highlight the importance of these issues to the legislature and other policy makers this legislative session. Board staff will continue to watch these bills and their impacts to the Board, its licensees, and on access to and the provision of mental health services in California.

Action Requested:

The Policy and Advocacy Committee recommends that the Board continue to watch all the bills included in this section.