

MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
то	Board of Psychology
FROM	Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(G) – AB 266 (Thurmond) Inmates: Housing Assignments

Background:

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), in making an initial inmate housing assignment, to consider whether the inmate is eligible for public mental health services due to a serious mental illness, and whether the inmate currently is or was eligible for benefits under the federal Social Security Disability Insurance program due to a diagnosed mental illness.

Board staff spoke with the author's office and was informed that the bill is now a 2-year bill and will not be moving for the remainder of this legislative year. Staff will continue to watch the bill until it is taken up next year.

Location: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Status: 5/26/2017 In committee, held under submission.

Votes: 3/14/2017 Assembly Committee on Public Safety (7-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 266 (Thurmond) for potential impacts on licensees practicing at CDCR facilities.