



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Board Members

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Subject: Legislative Update

BOARD-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

The Board is sponsoring the following legislative proposals this year.

1. SB 1024 (Ochoa Bogh) Healing Arts: Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees and Registrants

This bill proposes clarifying two of the Board's statutory requirements:

1. The requirement to physically display a license or registration; and
2. The allowable number of "supervisees" that a supervisor is permitted to oversee.

The Board approved these proposed amendments at its November 17, 2023 meeting.

Status: This bill was introduced on February 6, 2024.

2. Omnibus Bill Proposal (Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee) (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time)

This bill proposal, approved by the Board at its November 17, 2023 meeting, makes minor, technical, or non-substantive amendments to add clarity to current law.

Status: This bill has not been introduced yet.

BOARD-SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

1. **SB 11 (Menjivar) California State University: Mental Health Counseling**

This bill would require the California State University (CSU) system to have a minimum of one full-time mental health counselor per 1,500 students at each of its campuses. The bill also requires the CSU system to create a pipeline to incentivize interested students to become mental health counselors in the state.

At its May 5, 2023 meeting, the Board took a “support” position on this bill. The Board reaffirmed its “support” position at its August 18, 2023 meeting.

Status: This is a 2-year bill. The author has indicated they will not be pursuing it this year.

2. **SB 238 (Wiener) Health Care Coverage: Independent Medical Review**

This bill seeks to reduce barriers to mental health care for children and young adults, by making the independent medical review process automatic, rather than consumer-initiated, for mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment denials for children and young adults up to age 26.

At its May 5, 2023 meeting, the Board took a “support” position on this bill. The Board reaffirmed its “support” position at its August 18, 2023 meeting.

Status: This is a 2-year bill.

3. **SB 513 (Wiener) Incarcerated Persons: Mental Health**

This bill seeks to provide regular mental health therapy to all incarcerated inmates in California, not just those who are classified as severely mentally ill, with a goal of rehabilitation and reduced recidivism.

At its May 5, 2023 meeting, the Board took a “support” position on this bill.

Status: This bill is dead.

BOARD-MONITORED LEGISLATION

1. **SB 766 (Eggman) Social Workers**

This bill would limit the use of the title “social worker” to only those who hold a degree from an accredited school of social work.

At its May 5, 2023 meeting, the Board considered the bill but didn’t take a position.

Status: This bill is dead.

Updated: February 8, 2024