

OTAC Legislation
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AB 1665 (Bonta D) Athletic trainers.

Status: 2/27/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10(c).

Location: 2/27/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Would enact the Athletic Training Practice Act, which, until January 1, 2028, would establish the California Board of Athletic Training within the Department of Consumer Affairs to exercise licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under the act. The bill would prohibit a person from practicing as an athletic trainer or using certain titles or terms without being licensed by the board, subject to limited exceptions. The bill would define the practice of athletic training, specify requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer, and would require a licensed athletic trainer to practice only in collaboration with a physician and surgeon.

Position: Oppose w/ Letter

Priority: 1(a)

AB 2410 (Cunningham R) Athletic trainers.

Status: 5/18/2020-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/18/2020-A. THIRD READING

Calendar:

6/8/2020 #66 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary:

Would make it unlawful for any person to hold themselves out as an athletic trainer, use the title of, among others, athletic trainer, or to use specified terms to imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer, unless that person fulfills certain requirements, including, but not limited to, being certified by the Board of Certification, Inc., or its predecessors or successors, or by another certifying entity with comparable standards for certifying athletic trainers. The bill would make it an unfair business practice to use the title "athletic trainer," "certified athletic trainer," or other specified terms that imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer if the person does not meet specified requirements.

Position: Support w/ Letter

Priority: 1(a)

AB 2668 (Quirk-Silva D) Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program.

Status: 5/6/2020-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/12/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Would establish the Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program to provide early intervention for, and access to, behavioral health services for pupils. The bill would authorize a county behavioral health agency and the governing board or governing body of a local educational agency to agree to collaborate on and implement an integrated school-based behavioral health partnership program and to develop a memorandum of understanding outlining the requirements for the partnership program. The bill would require a county behavioral health agency to provide, through its own staff or through its network of contracted community-based organizations, one or more behavioral health professionals that meet specified licensing requirements to serve pupils with serious emotional disturbances or substance use disorders, or who are at risk of developing a serious behavioral health condition.

Position: Amend

Priority: 1(a)

AB 2684 (Rubio, Blanca D) School employee credentialing: occupational therapy and physical therapy services: workgroup.

Status: 3/17/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 3/2/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene a workgroup, as provided, to consider whether the development of a services credential with a specialization in occupational therapy or physical therapy services is warranted. The bill would require the workgroup to provide a report on its findings to the commission on or before July 1, 2021.

Position: Sponsor/Support w/ letter

Priority: 1(a)

SB 803 (Beall D) Mental health services: peer support specialist certification.

Status: 5/26/2020-Set for hearing June 1.

Location: 5/13/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:

6/1/2020 HEARING CANCELED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Current law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Current law establishes a schedule of benefits under the Medi-Cal program and provides for various services, including behavioral and mental health services that are rendered by Medi-Cal enrolled providers. This bill would establish a peer support specialist certification program administered by the department.

Position: Support w/ Letter

Priority: 1(a)

SB 878 (Jones R) Department of Consumer Affairs Licensing: applications: wait times.

Status: 5/26/2020-Set for hearing June 1.

Location: 5/18/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:

6/1/2020 HEARING CANCELED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill would require each board within the department that issues licenses to prominently display the current timeframe for processing initial and renewal license applications on its internet website, as provided.

Position: Support w/ Letter

Priority: 1(a)

SB 900 (Hill D) Department of Industrial Relations: worker status: employees and independent contractors.

Status: 5/15/2020-May 14 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/12/2020-S. L., P.E. & R.

Summary:

Current law expressly authorizes the Department of Industrial Relations to assist and cooperate with the federal Wage and Hour Division and the federal Children's Bureau in enforcing of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 within this state. This bill would recast those provisions and would delete the express authorization for the department to assist and cooperate with the bureau.

Position: Support If Amended on Coalition Letter

Priority: 1(a)

1(b)

AB 1850 (Gonzalez D) Worker classification: employees and independent contractors.

Status: 5/21/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/20/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Current law exempts specified occupations and business relationships from the application of the ABC

test as specified. Current law, instead, provides that these exempt relationships are governed by the multifactor test previously adopted in the case of *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341. Current exemptions include a bona fide business-to-business contracting relationship, as defined, under the specified conditions. Under current law, the business-to-business exemption does not apply to an individual worker, as opposed to a business entity, who performs labor or services for a contracting business. This bill would delete that individual worker provision.

Position: Watch

Priority: 1(b)

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AB 1263 (Low D) Contracts: consumer services: consumer complaints.

Status: 1/30/2020-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/30/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Would prohibit a contract or proposed contract involving the provision of a consumer service by a licensee regulated by a licensing board from including a provision limiting the consumer's ability to file a complaint with that board or to participate in the board's investigation into the licensee. The bill would specify that a waiver of these provisions is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable. The bill would provide that a violation of these provisions by a licensee constitutes unprofessional conduct subject to discipline by the licensee's regulatory board.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 1616 (Low D) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: expunged convictions.

Status: 1/30/2020-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/30/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Would require a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs that has posted on its internet website that a person's license was revoked because the person was convicted of a crime to, within 6 months of receiving the expungement order for the underlying offense from the person, post notification of the expungement order and the date thereof on the board's internet website if the person applies for licensure or is relicensed, or remove the initial posting on its internet website that the person's license was revoked if the person is not currently licensed and does not reapply for licensure, as specified. The bill would require a person to pay a fee, to be determined by the department, to the board for the cost of administering the bill's provisions.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 1838 (Chu D) Pupil attendance: excused absences: behavioral health.

Status: 1/17/2020-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 1/17/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Current law, notwithstanding the requirement that each person between 6 and 18 years of age who is not otherwise exempted is subject to compulsory full-time education, requires a pupil to be excused from school for specified types of absences, including, among others, if the absence was due to the pupil's illness or if the absence was for the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered. This bill would include as another type of required excused absence an absence that is due to the behavioral health of the pupil or for the purposes of having behavioral health services rendered.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 1844 (Chu D) Paid sick leave: behavioral health conditions.

Status: 5/12/2020-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 1/17/2020-A. L. & E.

Summary:

Current law requires employers to provide their employees paid sick leave that is accrued at a specified rate. Current law authorizes an employee to request a paid sick day for prescribed purposes, including diagnosis, care, or treatment of an current health condition of, or preventive care for, an employee or an employee's family member. This bill would specify that "current health condition" includes an "current behavioral health condition," as defined, for purposes of these provisions.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 1849 (Low D) Pupil attendance: excused absences: mental or behavioral health.

Status: 3/16/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 1/17/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Current law, notwithstanding the requirement that each person between 6 and 18 years of age who is not otherwise exempted is subject to compulsory full-time education, requires a pupil to be excused from school for specified types of absences, including, among others, if the absence was due to the pupil's illness. This bill would include as another type of required excused absence an absence that is for the benefit of the mental or behavioral health of the pupil. To the extent that this bill would impose additional duties on local educational entities, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 1976 (Eggman D) Mental health services: assisted outpatient treatment.

Status: 5/19/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (May 18). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/18/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

The Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, until January 1, 2022, authorizes each county to elect to offer specified mental health programs either through a resolution adopted by the county board of supervisors or through the county budget process if the county board of supervisors makes a finding that specified mental health programs will not be reduced as a result of participating. Current law authorizes participating counties to pay for the services provided from moneys distributed to the counties from various continuously appropriated funds, including the Mental Health Services Fund, when included in a county plan, as specified. This bill would instead require a county or group of counties to offer those mental health programs unless a county opts out by a resolution passed by the governing body stating the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances relied on in making that decision.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2018 (Gabriel D) Pupil mental health: model referral protocols.

Status: 3/17/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/14/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Would require the State Department of Education to develop model referral protocols, as provided, for addressing pupil mental health concerns. The bill would require the department to consult with various entities in developing the protocols, including current classroom teachers and administrators. The bill would require the department to post the model referral protocols on its internet website. The bill would make these provisions contingent upon funds being appropriated for its purpose in the annual Budget Act or other legislation, or state, federal, or private funds being allocated for this purpose.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2024 (Holden D) Developmental disabilities: provider rates.

Status: 3/10/2020-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8.

Noes 0.) (March 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 1/29/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Under current law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the State Department of Developmental Services is responsible for providing various services and supports to persons with developmental disabilities, and for ensuring the appropriateness and quality of those services and supports. Current law authorizes the department to contract with regional centers to provide these services and supports. Current law sets forth the department's and the regional center's authority to establish provider rates and prohibits certain provider rate increases. This bill would require certain provider rates to be increased by 3.33% for each \$1 increase in the state minimum wage, or by a prorated percentage for an increase that is not a whole number.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2025 (Gipson D) Mental illness and substance use disorder: restorative care program: pilot projects.

Status: 5/19/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (May 18). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/18/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

The Bronzan-McCorquodale Act governs the organization and financing of community mental health services for persons with mental disorders in every county through locally administered and locally controlled community mental health programs. Current law authorizes the State Department of Health Care Services, in its discretion, to permit new programs to be developed and implemented without complying with licensure requirements established pursuant to current state law, except for requirements relating to fire and life safety of persons with mental illness. This bill would also include within that exception requirements relating to fire and life safety of persons with alcohol or substance use disorder.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2055 (Wood D) Specialty mental health services and substance use disorder treatment.

Status: 3/17/2020-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 3/5/2020-A. HEALTH

Summary:

Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, implement, and administer the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program to assist county mental health plans and counties that administer the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program or the Drug Medi-Cal organized delivery system for purposes of preparing those entities for implementation of the behavioral health components included in the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All initiative, and would establish in the State Treasury the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Account to fund those efforts. The bill would require the department to determine the methodology and distribution of funds appropriated to those entities.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2130 (Arambula D) Health care professionals: underserved communities.

Status: 2/11/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.

Location: 2/10/2020-A. PRINT

Summary:

Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase the number of health care professionals in underserved communities.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2185 (Patterson R) Professions and vocations: applicants licensed in other states: reciprocity.

Status: 5/14/2020-Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 2/20/2020-A. B.&P.

Summary:

Would, with exceptions, require each board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue a license to an applicant in the discipline for which the applicant applies if the person meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the person is married to, or is in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who is assigned to a duty station in this state, the person currently holds a license in good standing in another state in the discipline and practice level and with the same scope of practice for which the person applies, the person has held the license and has practiced in the licensed field in an other state or jurisdiction for at least 3 of the last 5 years, and the person pays all applicable fees and complies with any applicable surety bond and insurance requirements.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2263 (Weber D) Special education: nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies: change in certification status: parental notification.

Status: 3/16/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/24/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Would require a contracting local educational agency, within 14 days of becoming aware of any change to the certification status of a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, to inform parents and guardians of pupils who attend the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency of the change in certification status, as provided.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2265 (Quirk-Silva D) Mental Health Services Act: use of funds for substance use disorder treatment.

Status: 5/21/2020-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/20/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Would authorize funding from the Mental Health Services Act, to be used to treat a person with cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders when the person would be eligible for treatment of the mental health disorder pursuant to the MHSA. The bill would also authorize the use of MHSA funds to assess whether a person has cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders and to treat a person who is preliminarily assessed to have cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders, even when the person is later determined not to be eligible for services provided with MHSA funds. The bill would require a person being treated for cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders who is determined to not need the mental health services that are eligible for funding pursuant to the act, to be, as quickly as possible, referred to substance use disorder treatment services.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2266 (Quirk-Silva D) Mental Health Services Act: use of funds for substance use disorder treatment.

Status: 2/24/2020-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 2/24/2020-A. HEALTH

Summary:

Would require the department to establish a pilot program in up to 10 counties, as specified, and would authorize funding from the MHSA, commencing January 1, 2022, and continuing until January 1, 2027, to be used by participating counties to treat a person with cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders when the person would be eligible for treatment of the mental health disorder pursuant to the MHSA. The bill would also authorize participating counties during the specified time period to use MHSA funds to assess whether a person has cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders and to treat a person who is preliminarily assessed to have cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders, even when the person is later determined not to be eligible for services provided with MHSA funds.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2289 (Nazarian D) Mental Health Services Fund.

Status: 2/15/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Location: 2/14/2020-A. PRINT

Summary:

Current law, the Mental Health Services Act, an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 63 at the November 2, 2004, statewide general election, funds a system of county mental health plans for the provision of mental health services, as specified. The act establishes the Mental Health Services Fund, which is continuously appropriated to, and administered by, the State Department of Health Care Services to fund specified county mental health programs. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2291 (Medina D) Special education funding.

Status: 3/16/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/24/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Current law establishes a public school financing system that requires state funding for county superintendents of schools, school districts, and charter schools to be calculated pursuant to a local control funding formula. Current law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the amount of funding to be provided for each special education local plan area in accordance with specified calculations. Current law requires the Superintendent, for the 2013–14 fiscal year, to compute an equalization adjustment for each special education local plan area for purposes of increasing the funding rates for special education local plan areas with funding rates below the 90th percentile, as specified. This bill would increase that percentile to the 95th percentile and would require the Superintendent to compute that equalization adjustment commencing with the first fiscal year after funds are apportioned pursuant to a specified formula and for each fiscal year thereafter in which an equalization appropriation is made, as specified.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2464 (Aguiar-Curry D) Project ECHO (registered trademark) Grant Program.

Status: 5/19/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (May 18). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/18/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Current law establishes within state government the California Health and Human Services Agency. Current law also establishes various public health programs, including grant programs, throughout the state for purposes of promoting maternal, child, and adolescent health. This bill would require the agency, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish, develop, implement, and administer the Project ECHO (registered trademark) Grant Program. Under the grant program, the bill would require participating children's hospitals to establish one year-long pediatric behavioral health teleECHO (trademark) clinics for specified individuals, including primary care clinicians and educators, to help them develop expertise and tools to better serve the youth that they work with by addressing their mental health needs stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2520 (Chiu D) Access to medical records.

Status: 5/21/2020-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/20/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Current law requires a health care provider, as defined, to provide a patient or the patient's representative with all or any part of the patient's medical records that the patient has a right to inspect, subject to the payment of clerical costs incurred in locating and making the records available, following a written request from the patient. Current law requires the health care provider to provide one copy of the relevant portion of the patient's record at no charge if the patient or patient's representative presents proof to the provider that the records are needed to support an appeal regarding eligibility for a public benefit program, as defined. Current law makes a willful violation of these provisions by specified health care providers an infraction. This bill would require a health care provider to provide an employee of a nonprofit legal services entity representing the patient a copy of the medical records at no charge under those conditions, and would include speech-language pathologists, audiologists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners within the definition of a health care provider.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2549 (Salas D) Department of Consumer Affairs: temporary licenses.

Status: 5/22/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 19. Noes 0.) (May 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 5/21/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:

6/2/2020 9 a.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

6/3/2020 4 p.m. - Assembly Floor ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary:

Current law requires a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue, after appropriate investigation, certain types of temporary licenses to an applicant if the applicant meets specified requirements, including that the applicant supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and the applicant holds a current, active, and unrestricted license that confers upon the applicant the authority to practice, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a temporary license from the board. Current law authorizes a board to adopt regulations necessary to administer these provisions. This bill would expand that requirement to issue temporary licenses to include licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Board, the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Board of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, the Board of Psychology, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, the Physical Therapy Board of California, and the California Board of Accountancy.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2604 (Carrillo D) Public health: pandemic protocols.

Status: 5/7/2020-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 3/12/2020-A. L. & E.

Summary:

Current law requires a health facility to comply with specified infection control protocols, including reporting specified infections to the department and having a health facility infection control officer or their designee available 24 hours per day. A violation of the licensing requirements for health facilities is a crime. This bill would require a health facility to limit the possible introduction of the pathogen, infection, or illness that is the subject of a declared pandemic or health-related state of emergency or local emergency into the facility by indefinitely postponing routine medical appointments and prohibiting visitor access, as specified.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2704 (Ting D) Healing arts: licensees: data collection.

Status: 5/18/2020-Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 3/12/2020-A. B.&P.

Summary:

Current law requires the Board of Registered Nursing, the Physician Assistant Board, the Respiratory Care Board of California, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of

California to regulate and oversee the practice of healing arts within their respective jurisdictions and to, among other things, collect and report specific demographic data relating to their licensees, subject to a licensee's discretion to report their race or ethnicity, to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Current law requires these boards to collect this data at least biennially, at the times of both issuing an initial license and issuing a renewal license. This bill would repeal the provisions applicable only to the licensees of those boards and, instead, would require all boards that oversee healing arts licensees to collect at the time of electronic application for a license and license renewal, or at least biennially, specified demographic information and to post the information on the internet websites that they each maintain.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2817 (Wood D) Office of Health Care Quality and Affordability.

Status: 5/18/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 3/2/2020-A. HEALTH

Summary:

Would create the Office of Health Care Quality and Affordability to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, develop data-informed policies for lowering health care costs, and create a strategy to control health care costs. The bill would require the office to be governed by a board with specified membership, and would require the board to hire an executive director to organize, administer, and manage the operations of the office.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2912 (Gray D) Medi-Cal specialty mental health services.

Status: 3/5/2020-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 3/5/2020-A. HEALTH

Summary:

Would require, on or before January 1, 2022, the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with specified groups, including representatives from the County Welfare Directors Association of California, to identify all forms currently used by each county mental health plan contractor for purposes of determining eligibility and reimbursement for specialty mental health services provided under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program, and to develop standard forms for the intake of, assessment of, and the treatment planning for, Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are eligible for those services to be used by all counties.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 2914 (Rivas, Robert D) Mental health.

Status: 5/5/2020-Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 4/24/2020-A. PUB. S.

Summary:

Would, upon appropriation, establish the Mental Health Response and Treatment Challenge Grant Program. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to provide a statewide investment program to provide funds and flexibility to cities, counties, cities and counties, or other local governmental agencies that interact with the criminal justice system to develop programs that seek to improve services in 3 areas, as specified. The bill would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer the program and award grants on a competitive basis.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

AB 3063 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Pupil and school employee health: trauma-informed care: grant program.

Status: 5/5/2020-Re-referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 4/24/2020-A. ED.

Summary:

Would appropriate \$6,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for the administration of a grant program for purposes of improving the capacity of local educational agencies to provide culturally focused trauma-informed training to pupils and school staff. The bill would require a local educational agency that applies for a grant to identify a nonprofit organization that will provide

culturally focused trauma-informed training to the local educational agency's pupils and school staff and a culturally focused wellness plan that the local educational agency will implement with the grant funds received, as provided.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

AB 3237 (Maienschein D) Classified school employees: part-time assignments.

Status: 3/9/2020-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.

Location: 3/9/2020-A. P.E. & R.

Summary:

Current law requires the governing board of a school district to employ persons for positions not requiring certification qualifications. Current law requires the governing board of a school district to classify those employees and positions and requires that they be known as the classified service. This bill would require a classified employee who works a minimum of 30 minutes per day in excess of the employee's part-time assignment for a period of 20 working days or more in a school year to have their basic assignment changed to reflect the longer hours. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 776 (Skinner D) College admissions: criminal history inquiry: prohibition.

Status: 1/27/2020-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 30. Noes 6.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/27/2020-A. DESK

Summary:

Would prohibit a postsecondary educational institution in this state from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history on an initial application form or at any time during the admissions process before the institution's final decision relative to the prospective student's application for admission. By imposing new duties on community college districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 849 (Portantino D) Pupil attendance: excused absences: mental or behavioral health.

Status: 3/18/2020-March 25 hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 1/22/2020-S. ED.

Summary:

Current law, notwithstanding the requirement that each person between 6 and 18 years of age who is not otherwise exempted is subject to compulsory full-time education, requires a pupil to be excused from school for specified types of absences, including, among others, if the absence was due to the pupil's illness. This bill would include as another type of required excused absence an absence that is for the benefit of the mental or behavioral health of the pupil. To the extent this bill would impose additional duties on local educational entities, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 855 (Wiener D) Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders.

Status: 5/26/2020-Set for hearing June 1.

Location: 5/19/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:

6/1/2020 HEARING CANCELED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

The California Mental Health Parity Act requires every health care service plan contract or disability insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2000, that provides hospital, medical, or surgical coverage to provide coverage for the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of severe mental illnesses of a person of any age, and of serious emotional disturbances of a child under the same terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions, as specified. Existing law requires those benefits to include, among other things, outpatient services, inpatient hospital services, partial hospital services, and prescription drugs, if the plan contract or policy includes coverage for prescription

drugs. This bill would revise and recast those provisions, and would instead require a health care service plan contract or disability insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders, as defined, under the same terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 920 (Beall D) Persons with disabilities: terminology.

Status: 3/30/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HUMAN S.

Location: 2/12/2020-S. HUM. S.

Summary:

Current law, prohibits, and prescribes heightened penalties for, the commission of specified offenses of abuse committed against an elder or dependent person or dependent adult. Existing law also mandates reporting of known or suspected cases of elder and dependent adult abuse. Current law defines the terms "dependent person" and "dependent adult" for purposes of these provisions. This bill would change those terms in selected statutes to "person with a disability" and "adult with a disability" and would state the intent of the Legislature that those terms be changed in the remaining provisions of law that use them as those statutes are amended in the future.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 1039 (Galgiani D) Independent workers.

Status: 2/27/2020-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/14/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Current law establishes that, for purposes of the Labor Code, the Unemployment Insurance Code, and the wage orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission, a person providing labor or services for remuneration is considered an employee rather than an independent contractor unless the hiring entity demonstrates that the person is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity in connection with the performance of the work, the person performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business, and the person is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business. This test is commonly known as the "ABC" test. Current law charges the Labor Commissioner with the enforcement of labor laws, including worker classification. This bill, known as "The Independent Worker Rights Act of 2020," would set forth legislative findings regarding the intent of the Legislature to develop a modern policy framework that facilitates independent work for those who voluntarily choose it by creating a third classification of workers with basic rights and protections relative to work opportunities, including minimum wage and occupational accident coverage.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 1053 (Moorlach R) Licensed registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses: Nurse Licensure Compact.

Status: 5/18/2020-VOTE: [First] hearing set for [05-18-2020]: Failed passage in Committee. Reconsideration granted (PASS)

Location: 5/12/2020-S. B., P. & E.D.

Summary:

Would enact the Nurse Licensure Compact, under which the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians would be authorized to issue a multistate license that would authorize the holder to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse, as applicable, in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege, as specified. The bill would designate the Board of Registered Nursing as the licensing board for registered nurses for purposes of the compact and would designate the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians as the licensing board for vocational nurses for purposes of the compact.

Position: Watch
Priority: 2

SB 1054 (Moorlach R) Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Status: 5/18/2020-VOTE: [First] hearing set for [05-18-2020]: Failed passage in Committee.

Reconsideration granted (PASS)

Location: 5/12/2020-S. JUD.

Summary:

Would enact the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, under which each member state is required to grant a compact privilege, as defined, to a physical therapist holding a license in another member state if specified conditions are satisfied. The bill would authorize a member state to charge a fee for granting a compact privilege. The bill would prohibit fees collected by the Physical Therapy Board of California for purposes of granting a compact privilege from exceeding the cost of administering that privilege under the compact and would require the fees to be deposited in the Physical Therapy Fund.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

SB 1168 (Morrell R) State agencies: licensing services.

Status: 5/26/2020-Set for hearing June 1.

Location: 5/13/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:

6/1/2020 HEARING CANCELED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Would require a state agency that issues any business license to establish a process for a person or business that is experiencing economic hardship as a result of an emergency caused by a virus to submit an application for deferral of fees required by the agency to obtain a license, renew or activate a license, or replace a physical license for display.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

SB 1236 (Stern D) Worker status: independent contractors.

Status: 3/5/2020-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/20/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Current statutory law establishes that, for purposes of the Labor Code, the Unemployment Insurance Code, and the wage orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission, a person providing labor or services for remuneration is considered an employee rather than an independent contractor unless the hiring entity demonstrates that the person is not an employee under the ABC test. Existing law charges the Labor Commissioner with the enforcement of labor laws, including worker classification. Current law exempts specified occupations and business relationships from the application of the ABC test described above. Current law, instead, provides that these exempt relationships are governed by the multifactor test previously established in the case of *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

SB 1278 (Bradford D) Medicine: telehealth.

Status: 5/15/2020-May 18 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/5/2020-S. B., P. & E.D.

Summary:

Current law requires a health care provider, before the delivery of health care via telehealth, as defined, to inform the patient about the use of telehealth and to obtain and document verbal or written consent from the patient for the use of telehealth as an acceptable mode of delivering health care services and public health. Current law provides that all laws and regulations governing professional responsibility, unprofessional conduct, and standards of practice that apply to a health care provider under the health care provider's license apply to that health care provider while providing telehealth services. This bill would specify that generally accepted standards of practice that apply to a health care provider under their license also apply while providing telehealth services.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

SB 1423 (Galgiani D) Worker classification.

Status: 5/11/2020-May 14 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author. Withdrawn from

committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 5/11/2020-S. RLS.

Summary:

Current law exempts specified occupations and business relationships from the application of the ABC test as specified. Current law, instead, provides that these exempt relationships are governed by the multifactor test previously established in the case of *S.G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341. This bill would establish an alternative test for determining whether an individual having a contractual relationship with a contracting entity or through a platform is an employee or an independent contractor. The bill would provide that an individual or sole proprietor providing labor or services for remuneration who meets specified conditions shall be considered an independent contractor rather than an employee with respect to the individual's relationship with a contracting entity or platform.

Position: Watch

Priority: 2

Total Measures: 46

Total Tracking Forms: 46