

**AB 870/Levine**

**Prisoners: mental health treatment. ( Amended: 1/3/2018)** Would require a court, upon the conviction of a defendant for a felony resulting in sentencing to state prison, to recommend in writing that the defendant receive a mental health evaluation if the court finds that the defendant at the time of the commission of the offense was suffering from a serious mental illness or has a demonstrated history of mental illness.

**Status:** 1/16/2018 - Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**AB 1136/Eggman**

**Health facilities: residential mental or substance use disorder treatment. ( Amended: 2/5/2018)** Would require the State Department of Public Health to develop and submit a proposal to solicit a grant under the federal 21st Century Cures Act to develop a real-time, Internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential substance use disorder treatment facilities.

**Status:** 2/5/2018 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-fer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

**AB 1968/Low**

**Mental health: firearms. ( Introduced: 1/31/2018)** Would require that a person who has been taken into custody, assessed, and admitted to a designated facility because he or she is a danger to himself, herself, or others, as a result of a mental health disorder more than once within a 5-year period to be prohibited from owning a firearm for the remainder of his or her life. Because a violation of the firearm prohibition would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Status:** 2/8/2018 - Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**AB 1998/Rodriguez**

**Opioids: prescription limitations. ( Introduced: 2/1/2018)** Would prohibit a practitioner from prescribing an opioid in an amount greater than the patient needs for a 3-day period unless the practitioner believes, in his or her professional judgment, that a larger prescription is needed

to treat a medical condition or that a larger prescription is necessary for the treatment of chronic pain. The bill would require a practitioner who writes a prescription for an opioid that is either larger than the 3-day supply or that is the 4th prescription without the dosage decreasing to include in the patient's record why the excess or additional prescription was needed, what other medications were considered, the patient's injury or illness, and the milligram dosage of the prescription.

**Status:** 2/12/2018 - Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and B. & P.

### **AB2018/Maienschein**

**Mental health workforce planning: loan forgiveness and scholarship programs. ( Introduced: 2/5/2018)** Would clarify that the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development needs to include in the 5-year education and training development plan both expansion plans for loan forgiveness and scholarship programs offered in return for a commitment to employment in California's public mental health system and expansion plans for making loan forgiveness programs available to current employees of the mental health system who want to obtain Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, master's degrees, or doctoral degrees. The bill would also make specified findings and declarations.

**Status:** 2/12/2018 - Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

### **AB 2043/Arambula**

**Foster youth: response system. ( Introduced: 2/6/2018)** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would build upon the current CCR (Continuum of Care Reform) implementation effort by establishing a response system, as specified, for caregivers of current or former foster youth who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, or other needs that require immediate support. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to include a statewide hotline in the response system to provide triage and, as appropriate, deploy a mobile and coordinated in-home response.

**Status:** 2/7/2018 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.

### **AB 2099/Gloria**

**Mental health: detention and evaluation. ( Introduced: 2/8/2018)** Under current law, when a person, as a result of mental health disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled, he or she may, upon probable cause, be taken into custody and placed in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services for up to 72 hours for evaluation and treatment. Under existing law, the facility accepting the person shall require an application in writing stating the circumstances under which the person's condition was called to the attention of the official who took the person into custody. This bill would provide that a copy of that application shall be treated as the original for specified

purposes and in specified proceedings.

**Status:** 2/9/2018 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 11.

### **AB 2287/Kiley**

**Mental Health Services Act. ( Introduced: 2/13/2018)** Would establish the Office of Mental Health Services within the California Health and Human Services Agency, as specified. The bill would transfer various functions of the State Department of Health Care Services under the act to the office. Under this bill, the office would succeed to, and be vested with, all the duties, powers, responsibilities, and jurisdiction, vested in the department, regarding oversight of the Mental Health Services Fund, as specified. The bill would also require the office to assume certain duties, including, among others, initiating investigations, advising counties, conducting research, and reporting to the Legislature, by December 31, 2020, of any additional authority it deems necessary to complete its duties and to ensure county compliance with the act, as specified.

**Status:** 2/14/2018 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

### **AB 2691/Jones-Sawyer**

**University of California: pilot trauma-informed-care counseling clinic: middle and high school pupils. ( Introduced: 2/15/2018)** The California Constitution establishes the University of California as a public trust under the administration of the Regents of the University of California. The University of California comprises 10 institutions of higher education, which are located at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a pilot trauma-informed-care counseling clinic for middle school and high school pupils staffed by University of California students.

**Status:** . May be heard in committee March 18.

### **SB 215/Beall**

**Diversion: mental disorders. ( Amended: 1/25/2018)** Would authorize a court, with the consent of the defendant and a waiver of the defendant's speedy trial right, to postpone prosecution of a misdemeanor or a felony punishable in a county jail, and place the defendant in a pretrial diversion program for up to 2 years if the court is satisfied the defendant suffers from a mental disorder, that the defendant's mental disorder played a significant role in the commission of the charged offense, and that the defendant would benefit from mental health treatment. For specified offenses, the bill would condition granting diversion on the consent of the prosecution.

**Status:** 1/30/2018 - Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

#### **SB 688/Moorlach**

##### **Mental Health Services Act: revenue and expenditure reports. (**

**Amended: 1/23/2018)** Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the commission and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, to develop and administer instructions for the Annual Mental Health Services Act Revenue and Expenditure Report, which gathers specified information on mental health spending as a result of the MHSA, including the expenditures of funds distributed to each county. Current law requires counties to electronically submit the report to the department and the commission. This bill would require counties to prepare the reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as specified.

**Status:** 1/30/2018 - In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

#### **SB 906/Beall**

**Medi-Cal: mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification. ( Introduced: 1/17/2018)** Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, no later than July 1, 2019, a statewide peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification program, as a part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. The bill would include 4 certification categories: adult peer support specialists, transition-age youth peer support specialists, family peer support specialists, and parent peer support specialists.

**Status:** 1/24/2018 - Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

#### **SB 931/Hertzberg**

**Conservatorships: jails. ( Introduced: 1/25/2018)** Would prohibit a conservatorship investigator from considering the custody status of a person who is subject to a conservatorship investigation and who is in the custody of a county jail. The bill would also prohibit a county jail from being considered a suitable or least restrictive alternative placement for a person who is gravely disabled, as defined.

**Status:** 2/8/2018 - Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

#### **SB 992/Hernandez**

**Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities. (**

**Introduced: 2/5/2018)** Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities by the State Department of Health Care Services. Current law requires licensees to provide specified nonmedical services, including recovery, treatment, or detoxification, and requires the department to adopt regulations requiring records and procedures that are appropriate for those services, including discharge and continuing care planning. This bill would require a licensee to develop a plan to address when a resident relapses that would include discharge and continuing care planning, as specified.

**Status:** 2/14/2018 - Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

**SB 1045/Wiener**

**Conservatorship: chronic homelessness: mental health. ( Introduced: 2/8/2018)** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand conservatorships to better meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness accompanied by severe mental illness, drug addiction, repeated commitments, or exceptionally frequent use of emergency medical services. The bill would further state that the new legislation would maintain the many checks and balances necessary to protect individuals with mental illness, as specified, while facilitating their path to permanent housing and necessary supportive services.

**Status:** May be acted upon on or after March 11.

