

# ▶▶ DMH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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# ▶▶ PRIORITY BILLS

- **SB 43 Gravely Disabled (Eggman)**, as amended on April 27, 2023, would expand the definition of “gravely disabled” to include individuals with Substance Use Disorders and individuals who are unable to meet their personal and/or medical care needs.
  - County position – Watch
- **Governor’s MHSA reform proposal**, announced On March 19, 2023, would focus on treatment and services for mental illness, substance use disorder (SUD), and homelessness. The proposal includes the issuance of a general obligation bond (\$3B - \$5B) that would pay for thousands of residential MH treatment beds. The Governor’s proposal would also provide increased flexibility to counties in how they can allocate MHSA funds. However, the proposal would also require counties to spend 30% of their MHSA funds on housing (but not supportive housing services). If the Legislature approves the proposal, an initiative will go on the 2024 ballot.
  - County position - Pending

# ▶▶ BILLS OF INTEREST

- **SB 551 (Portantino)**, as amended on May 1, 2023, would require at least 20 percent of the total membership of a mental health board (MHB) to be public school employees and at least 20 percent to be individuals who are 25 years of age or younger (i.e., children or transition-aged youth) in counties with a population of 500,000 or more.
  - DMH Recommendation – Neutral Position
  - County position – Watch
- **AB 459 (Haney)**, as amended on April 13, 2023, would require the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to establish by July 1, 2026, the California Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review (CBH-OAR) to facilitate an accountability system that fosters continuous quality improvement in the county and commercial behavioral health services.
  - County position - Watch

# ▶▶ **BILLS OF INTEREST (Cont.)**

- **AB 289 (Holden)**, as amended on March 7, 2023, would require a county that is developing a three-year plan and annual updates under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to include among the stakeholders in its development efforts youth or youth mental health organizations and individuals representing diverse viewpoints.
  - DMH Recommendation - Support
  - County position – Watch
- **SB 11 (Menjivar)**, as amended on May 1, 2023, would require the California State University system to have one full-time mental health counselor for every 1,500 students. The bill would also establish the CSU Mental Health Professionals Act, contingent upon an appropriation of one-time funds, which would provide financial incentives for CSU students to become mental health counselors in the state.
  - DMH supports efforts to expand the pipeline of students into the public mental health system.
  - County position – no position adopted yet

# Questions?



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