

**MHAC Bill Report**  
**Monday, December 17, 2018**

**[AB 4](#)**

**(Arambula D) Medi-Cal: eligibility.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**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 individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Federal law prohibits payment to a state for medical assistance furnished to an alien who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law. This bill would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, if otherwise eligible for those benefits, but for their immigration status. The bill would delete provisions delaying eligibility and enrollment until the director makes the determination as specified.

**Position**

**[AB 6](#)**

**(Reyes D) Early childhood education: Office of Early Childhood Education.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would establish in the department the Office of Early Childhood Education in order to ensure a holistic implementation of early childhood education programs and universal preschool. The bill would require the office to have specified responsibilities, including the responsibility of coordinating services with the State Department of Social Services and the California Health and Human Services Agency, to ensure that social and health services are provided to children in early childhood education programs and to identify families eligible for early childhood education financial assistance.

**Position**

**[AB 8](#)**

**(Chu D) Pupil health: mental health professionals.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would require, on or before December 31, 2022, a school of a school district or county office of education and a charter school to have at least one mental health professional, as defined, for every 600 pupils generally accessible to pupils on campus during school hours. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2022, a school of a school district or county office of education and a charter school with fewer than 600 pupils to have at least one mental health professional generally accessible to pupils on campus during school hours, to employ at least one mental health professional to serve multiple schools.

**Position**

Sponsor

**[AB 12](#)**

**(Irwin D) Firearms: gun violence and mental health.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Current law regulates the sale, possession, and transfer of firearms, and prohibits the possession of firearms by specified persons including persons convicted of certain criminal offenses and specified persons with mental health impairments. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to gun violence and mental health.

**Position**

**[AB 34](#)**

**(Ramos D) Pupils: bullying.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address social bullying in order to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all pupils.

**Position**

**[AB 43](#)**

**(Gloria D) Mental health.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Current law, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 63 at the November 2, 2004, statewide general election, establishes the continuously appropriated Mental Health Services Fund to fund various county mental health programs. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure that Mental Health Services Act funds are used in accordance with the provisions of the act and that there is adequate oversight of excess unspent funds.

**Position**

**[AB 45](#) (Stone, Mark D) Inmates: medical visits.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Director of Corrections to charge a \$5 fee for each inmate-initiated medical visit of an inmate, except under specified circumstances, and requires that the moneys received be expended to reimburse the department for direct provision of inmate health care services. This bill would repeal this authorization to charge that fee and would make a conforming change.

**Position**

**[AB 46](#) (Carrillo D) Individuals with mental illness: change of term.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Current law refers to an insane or mentally defective person in provisions relating to, among other things, criminal proceedings, correctional facilities, and property tax exemptions. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to replace derogatory terms, including, but not limited to, "insane" and "mentally defective," with more culturally sensitive terms when referring to individuals with mental illness.

**Position**

**[AB 50](#) (Kalra D) Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver program.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to submit, in 2019, to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver program with specified amendments. The bill would require, as part of the amendments, the department to increase the number of participants in the program, as specified, in the 15 existing waiver counties, expansion of the program beyond those counties on a regional basis, and modification to the provider reimbursement tiers while also maintaining the program's budget-neutral provisions.

**Position**

**[AB 67](#) (Rivas, Luz D) Individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness: definition.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act establishes various programs and grants to provide a range of services to homeless individuals and families, and defines the terms "homeless," "homeless individual," and "homeless person" to mean, among other things, an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided. This bill would require the coordinating council, in consultation with specified state entities, to develop, and recommend in a report to the Legislature, a standard definition of "homeless" and "at risk of homelessness" for purposes of providing programs and services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

**Position**

**[AB 70](#) (Berman D) Mental health in schools.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would support youth mental health in schools.

**Position**

**[AB 122](#) (Grayson D) Multidisciplinary teams: human trafficking and domestic violence.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a city, county, city and county, or community-based nonprofit organization to establish a domestic violence multidisciplinary personnel team and a human trafficking multidisciplinary personnel team consisting of two or more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of domestic violence or human trafficking cases and who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to domestic violence or human trafficking. Current law authorizes members of those multidisciplinary personnel teams to disclose to one another information and records that may be confidential but that are relevant to the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of those crimes. This bill would remove the prohibition on disclosing confidential information without the individual's informed, written, and reasonably time-limited consent to the disclosure with regards to information obtained from a minor.

**Position**

**[AB 123](#) (McCarty D) Early childhood education: state preschool program: transitional kindergarten: access: standards.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**Summary:** Would make various findings and declarations regarding early childhood education and would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would do certain things relating to early childhood education, including expanding the state preschool program and enabling local educational agencies to blend the program with transitional kindergarten.

**Position**

**[AB 135](#) (Cervantes D) Sex crimes: communication with a minor.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2018

**Status:** 12/6/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 5.

**Summary:** Current law, as added by Proposition 83 of the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, makes it a crime for a person to contact or communicate with a minor, or attempt to contact or communicate with a minor, when the person knows or reasonably should know that the person being contacted is a minor, with the intent to commit one of a list of specified offenses involving the minor, including kidnapping and rape. This bill would expand the list of specified offenses described above to include human trafficking of the minor.

**Position**

**[AB 136](#) (Quirk-Silva D) Alcohol and drug programs: residential recovery and treatment ombudsperson: pilot program.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2018

**Status:** 12/6/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 5.

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish the Office of the State Ombudsperson for Substance Abuse Residential Recovery and Treatment as a one-year pilot project, from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, inclusive. The bill would require the office to work in concert with participating counties to collaborate in investigations of complaints received by the counties against alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities and recovery residences. The bill would require each participating county, by July 1, 2022, to report to the Legislature on the results of the county's collaboration with the pilot program.

**Position**

**[SB 10](#) (Beall D) Mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, no later than July 1, 2020, 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 specialist, transition-age youth peer support specialist, family peer support specialist, and parent peer support specialist. The certification program's components would include, among others, defining responsibilities and practice guidelines, determining curriculum and core competencies, specifying

training and continuing education requirements, establishing a code of ethics, and determining a certification revocation process.

**Position**

Support

**SB 11 (Beall D) Health care coverage: mental health parity.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would require a health care service plan and a health insurer to submit an annual report to the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance, as appropriate, certifying compliance with state and federal mental health parity laws, as specified. The bill would require the departments to review the reports submitted by health care service plans to ensure compliance with state and federal mental health parity laws, and would require the departments to make the reports and the results of the reviews available upon request and to post the reports and the results of the reviews on the departments' Internet Web site.

**Position**

Support

**SB 12 (Beall D) Mental health services: youth.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the state and local governments to establish a series of at least 100 centers statewide to address the mental health needs of California youth. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to allocate or encourage the allocation of funding for that purpose, as specified. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

**Position**

Support

**SB 24 (Leyva D) Public health: public university student health centers: abortion by medication techniques.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Current law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, and the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the availability of abortion by medication techniques at on-campus student health centers at public postsecondary educational institutions in the state.

**Position**

**SB 28 (Lara D) Citizens of the state.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would provide that citizens of the state are all persons born in the state and residing in it, except the children of alien public ministers and consuls, and all persons born out of the state who are citizens of the United States and residing within the state.

**Position**

**SB 29 (Lara D) Medi-Cal: eligibility.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status. The bill would also delete provisions delaying implementation until the director makes the determination described above. Because counties are required to make Medi-Cal eligibility determinations and this bill would expand Medi-Cal eligibility, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position**

**SB 35 (Chang R) Human trafficking.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a task force to combat human trafficking that would collect and organize data on the nature and prevalence of trafficking in persons in California and organize collaborative efforts between local and state governments and nongovernmental organizations for protecting victims of trafficking, among other, related duties.

**Position**

**SB 40**

**(Wiener D) Conservatorship: serious mental illness and substance use disorders.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**Summary:** Current law establishes a procedure for the appointment of a conservator for a person who is incapable of caring for the person's own health and well-being due to a serious mental illness and substance use disorder, as specified, for the purpose of providing the least restrictive and most clinically appropriate alternative needed for the protection of the person. Current law authorizes that conservatorship procedure only for the County of Los Angeles, the County of San Diego, and the City and County of San Francisco, if the board of supervisors of the respective county or city and county authorizes the application of these provisions subject to specified findings and requirements, including that certain county departments develop a plan to implement these provisions, as specified, and present the plan and available resources for the implementation before the county board of supervisors. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

**Position**

**SR 8**

**(Lara D) Relative to asylum seekers.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 12/3/2018-Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Summary:** Would resolve by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate of the State of California condemns the federal government's failure to meet its obligations to those seeking asylum under international law and the federal Immigration and Nationality Act; and be it further Resolved, That the Senate calls upon the federal government to comply fully with its humanitarian duty, and its obligations under law, by removing all barriers that prevent people seeking refuge in the United States from obtaining a prompt and fair initial evaluation of their claim for asylum.

**Position**

**Total Measures: 24**

**Total Tracking Forms: 24**