

LPPC Bill List April 2015

Civil Rights

AB 987 (Levine) This bill advances California's fair employment laws by clarifying that employers are prohibited from retaliating against an employee for requesting reasonable accommodations.

SB 492 (Liu) This bill, the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) Consumer Bill of Rights, sets forth the rights afforded to individuals enrolled in CCI. These include, but are not limited to, consumer self-direction and choice and flexibility in access to quality services and supports. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to post the CCI Consumer Bill of Rights on the department website and to disseminate hard copies to consumers upon request

SB 589 (Block) SB 589 will protect the voting rights of disabled individuals under conservatorship by allowing them to retain their right to vote unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process.

Developmental Services and Supports

AB 563 (Lopez) would establish a 2 year pilot program to develop a means to address the service gap/unmet needs of aging adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

AB 662 (Bonilla) expands public restroom accommodations to meet the health and safety needs of the disabled community. This bill requires newly constructed commercial places of public amusement that serve over 1,000 people on a daily basis to install an adult changing station for people with physical disabilities.

SB 638 (Stone) takes both short-term and long-term steps to sustain the promise that DD individuals can thrive in their own communities, by providing immediate reimbursement rate relief to supported employment

providers, residential programs, and other services. Providing fair reimbursement for state and local minimum wage mandates.

SB 639 (Stone) This bill sets out target dates to close down Fairview Developmental Center and Sonoma Developmental Center, and expresses intent that funds generated by the closure of DCs shift to sustaining community services for the DD population. It also develops options for using the DC properties to benefit the community on an ongoing basis, such as by identifying on-going revenues through agreements with private entities or local governments

Employment

SB 644 (Hancock) SB 644 allows a successful internship performance at a State agency as the indicator as to whether an individual with intellectual or developmental disability is eligible for State civil service employment.

Health

AB 74 (Calderon) will implement a phased in plan to require DSS to conduct annual unannounced inspections of all community care facilities by July 1, 2018. By July 1, 2016 DSS will inspect facilities no less often than once every 3 years with a 30% random sample to be subject to an annual inspection.

AB 648 (Low) This bill offers a new, innovative strategy for making dental care more available.

AB 796 (Nazarian) This bill clarifies the definition of service providers to include other forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment. Specifically, this bill modifies the minimum training required for “qualified autism service providers” and for “qualified autism service paraprofessionals.”

AB 1261 (Burke) This bill preserves access to the adult day health care services that thousands of frail Californians and their families depend on through the Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program

and gives providers a reliable rate structure to ensure program sustainability

AB 1369 (Frazier) AB 1369 requires dyslexia screening for students in Grades K through 3, teacher training, evidence-based remediation, and the term dyslexia to be defined as it is by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

SB 128 (Wolk) This is the so-called Right To Die bill, creates a legal infrastructure to legalize assisted suicide in California. The bill is very strongly modeled after the Oregon legislation.

SB 190 (Beall) This bill seeks to address a major issue facing the legislature this year: How to ensure that Californians with brain injuries receive the necessary treatment to facilitate their successful rehabilitation and recovery.

SB 675 (LIU) This bill would, (subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) require a hospital to take specified actions relating to family caregivers, including, among others, notifying the family caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer to another facility and providing information or instruction regarding the post-hospital care needs of the patient.

H. R. 3717 (Murphy) The "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act".

Housing

SB 377 (Beall) This bill seeks to increase the impact of the state's existing low-income housing tax credit with no fiscal impact to the state by structuring the credits in a way that is not subject to federal taxation.

Medi-Cal

AB 366 (Bonta) This bill repeals implementation of prior year Medi-Cal rate reductions, including the 10 % reduction for affected Medi-Cal providers.

AB 763 (Burke) This bill increases the amount of income that is disregarded in calculating eligibility for purposes of the Medi-Cal aged and

disabled (A&D) program which effectively increases the upper limit of financial eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL). People age 65 plus or disabled and not eligible for the SSI program may be able to get Medi-Cal through the Aged & Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program.

Miscellaneous

SB 490 (Beall & Huff) This bill reduces the fiscal impact of the unfunded mandate to small vendors providing services to the developmentally disabled and frees them to invest those dollars back into services. These adjustments create uniformity with state requirements for non-profit entities and reduce the financial burden for vendors with clean audits.

Parental Fees

AB 564 (Eggman) This bill requires the parental fee schedule to be adjusted for the level of annual net income. The bill also clarifies that DDS consider the same income and expenses in the appeal process as the process when determining a parent's ability to pay. It also provides that a parent has the right to file an appeal. This bill will amend Section 4784 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Public Safety

AB 643 (Nazarian) This bill increases opportunities to effectively utilize the existing Silver Alert System.

AB 881 (Garcia) In relation to bullying, this bill would, for purposes of pupil suspension or recommendation for expulsion from a school, define "electronic act" as either the creation or transmission of that communication, as specified.

SB 11 (Beall) responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

SB 29 (Beall) SB 29 is a companion bill to SB 11. Taken together, SB 29 and SB 11 responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

Tax Relief

AB 449 (Irwin) allows Californians with disabilities to access federally recognized Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) savings accounts to save for future disability related expenses

AB 571 (Brown) This bill would additionally authorize the transfer of the base year value of property to replacement property for persons who have a severely and permanently disabled child. This bill would apply this property tax relief to replacement dwellings that are purchased or newly constructed on or after January 1, 2016.

AB 1218 (Weber) would strengthen and enhance participation of the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DBVE) program by providing greater access, more meaningful performance standards and better guidance to administering agencies.

AB 1404 (Grove) This bill offers tax credits to businesses that employ I/DD individuals.

SB 324 (Pavley) This bill creates the infrastructure to implement the ABLE Act. This is the companion bill to AB 449 (Irwin.) The two bills are virtually – but not quite - identical.

