

CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2002 - #8

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SUPPORT 1

AB 849/Pavley - Requires school districts, participating in the free or reduced price meal program, to include a request form for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families Program information with an application for the meal program.

LAST ACTION: 7/5/01 passed out of Senate Health & Human Services

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee (Suspense File)

AB 2835/Longville – States the intent of the Legislature to permit a lien to be continued against any settlement, compromise, arbitration award, mediation settlement, or any other recovery obtained brought by an injured person for damages against a third party for a county that tries to recover medical treatment costs.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly 75-0

STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

SB 643/Ortiz - Requires the Board of Corrections to reimburse counties for excess costs of providing more effective psychotropic medications to county incarcerated inmates and parolees.

LAST ACTION: 7/10/01 passed out of Assembly Public Safety

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 785/Ortiz - Increases parent eligibility for Healthy Families to 250% FPL and reduces family contribution requirements.

LAST ACTION: Amended in Assembly Appropriations 8/20/01 – Has not yet been heard

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 1734/Vasconcellos – Provides that no public entity, its agents, or employees shall be subject to criminal prosecution for distribution of any device or substance necessary to ensure the safety and cleanliness of needles or syringes distributed to participants in clean needle and syringe exchange projects. Also requires immunity attached clean needle and exchange projects to be authorized pursuant to an annual local emergency declaration due to the existence of a critical local public health crisis.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health Committee 12-2

STATUS: Assembly Floor

SB 1785/Vasconcellos – Deletes identity requirement for the purchase of hypodermic needles or syringes, and deletes the requirement that pharmacists keep detailed records of the nonprescription sale of such devices.

LAST ACTION: Passed out Assembly Public Safety as amended 5-1

STATUS: Assembly Floor – Amended 7/2/02

SUPPORT 2

AB 41/Washington – Establishes in OCJP a program of financial and technical assistance for counties to provide DA's or County sheriffs with funds to coordinate multi-agency drug endangered child response teams.

LAST ACTION: Passed to Assembly for concurrence on 9/14/01

STATUS: Assembly Floor – Inactive File

AB 470/Chu – Provides that the determinations made under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act relating to involuntary detention and treatment of any dangerous person with a mental disorder may also be made by a psychologist who is directly responsible for the patient's treatment.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of the Assembly on 6/5/01

STATUS: Senate Health and Human Services Committee - Failed Passage on 8/7/02 – Recon granted

AB 1154/Bates - Requires DHS to implement program enhancements for the CA Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in one or more phases over a 3-year period beginning no later than 1/1/05. Requires the implementation phasing be based on the findings of a study conducted by the Implementation and Planning Task Force established by the bill. Requires existing state, local and private foundation resources be used to accomplish the study.

LAST ACTION: 6/6/01 Passed Assembly 74-0

STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee

AB 1830/Frommer – Prohibits any person from distributing or selling tobacco via the U.S. Mail or any private mail service to minors. Requires specified distributors and sellers to verify that the purchaser is 18 or older, and to telephone the purchaser after 5pm to confirm the order prior to shipping.

LAST ACTION: Withdrawn from Senate Business & Professions – Referred to Senate Appropriations – Passed out of Appropriations per Senate Rule 28.8 – Amended 8/7/02

STATUS: Senate Floor

AB 1867/Vargas – Expands the prohibited areas for smoking and disposal to within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area. Increases the fine for an infraction from \$100 to \$250.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Appropriations per Senate Rule 28.8

STATUS: Senate Floor

AB 1959/Corbett – Provides that a CalWORKS recipient who signs a welfare-to-work plan and who is continuously enrolled in a registered nurses training program be eligible for aid for a cumulative period of not more than 48 months, in those counties that elect to provide aid pursuant to these provisions, unless the county certifies that specified conditions for participating in community service activities under the program apply.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services as amended 7-2

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

AB 2010/Richman – Requires DHS to develop and implement a consolidated application form that would enable a clinic to elect to apply for licensure and a Medi-Cal identification number under a consolidated application procedure.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services 9-0

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File – Amended 8/5/02

AB 2197/Koretz - Requires DHS to expand eligibility for benefits under the existing Medi-Cal program, with certain exceptions, to include Nondisabled persons with HIV enrolled in ADAP, and who would be Medi-Cal eligible if disabled, in Medi-Cal managed care plans. Enrollment in Medi-Cal pursuant to the bill would be limited pursuant to an allocation system developed by DHS.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended of Senate Health & Human Services 8-1 – Amended 6/28/02

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

AJR 31/Thomson – Memorializes Congress to provide funds to states and local governments for the provision of necessary security and relief measures to protect local citizens from terrorism.

LAST ACTION: Enrolled to Governor

STATUS: Signed by the Governor 5/21/02 – Resolution Chapter 61, Statutes of 2002

SB 224/Speier – Expands the Breast Cancer Treatment Program from 200% to 250% FPL.

LAST ACTION: 7/10/01 Passed out of Assembly Health 16-0

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 226/Chesbro - Extends operating authority and the sunset date for the County Medical Services Program from January 2003 to January 2008.

LAST ACTION: 6/12/01 Passed out of Assembly Health 16-0
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 406/Ortiz – Changes the Public Health Subvention Formula to accommodate the Federal Public Health Preparedness allocation. Creates the Federal Bioterrorism Preparedness and Public Health Improvement Fund.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health as amended 17-0
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

SB 599/Chesbro - Requires health plans to provide coverage for substance-use disorders on the same basis as they provide coverage for any other medical care.

LAST ACTION: 9/6/01 Passed out of Assembly Appropriations 14-6
STATUS: Assembly Floor – Inactive File

SB 616/Chesbro – Intent bill to create the Public Health Laboratory Training Program.

LAST ACTION: Passed to the Assembly 22-10
STATUS: In Assembly

SB 843/Perata - Enacts the Omnibus Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Act of 2002 that would permit any local health department to provide for certification, by the local health officer, of tuberculin skin test technicians. Also provides that when a person, infected with tuberculosis, is released on parole from a state correctional institution, a notification and written treatment plan shall be provided to both the local health officer in the county the inmate will reside and the health officer in the county where the correctional institution is located.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations
STATUS: Assembly Floor

SB 1278/Speier – Indefinitely extends the provisions requiring pharmacies to charge Medicare beneficiaries a price not to exceed Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for prescription medicines. Requires DHS to conduct an outreach program to inform Medicare beneficiaries.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations
STATUS: Assembly Floor

SB 1298/Ortiz - Clarifies purposes for which public health subvention funds can be used. Does *not* change the formula.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health 19-0
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

SB 1695/Escutia – Authorizes counties to establish training and certification programs to permit EMT-1's to administer naloxone hydrochloride for heroin overdoses if they have completed training and passed a test.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health 17-0
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

SB 1890/Ortiz – Creates the Tobacco Use Reduction and Compensation Fund. Requires the funds collected to be used for tobacco use prevention and control, education and research, disease prevention, the provision of medical and preventative health services for low-income and uninsured individuals, and the expansion of medical insurance coverage for the uninsured.

LAST ACTION: Heard in Senate Revenue & Taxation on 4/10
STATUS: Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee

SB 2008/Speier – Establishes an Assumption Program of Loans for Nursing Education until 1/1/10. Any nursing applicant who agrees to provide at least 4 years of full-time service in a general acute care

hospital, community clinic, free clinic, or Indian Health clinic or an acute psychiatric hospital would be eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Higher Education 6-0

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

OPPOSE 1

AB 2135/Ashburn – Eliminates HFP application assistance fees and deletes the provision allowing applicants to sign a statement as to the value or amount of their income.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee – Failed Passage on 4/9/02

AB 2700/Mountjoy – Limits the current motorcycle helmet law to drivers and passengers who are 20 years old or less. Provides that a person older than 21 may operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet only if he or she has proof of at least \$1,000,000 in medical insurance on his or her person.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Floor – Failed Passage 33-33 – Recon. granted – Amended 4/29/02

STATUS: Assembly Floor – Failed Passage 34-34

OPPOSE 2

SB 187/Vasconcellos - Establishes a statewide medical marijuana registration ID card program.

LAST ACTION: 9/14/01 Passed out of Assembly as amended 41-30

STATUS: Senate Floor for concurrence

SUPPORT IF AMENDED (SIA)

AB 982/Firebaugh - Establishes the CA Dental and Physician Corps Loan Assumption Program, administered by OSHPD, to authorize loan repayments, up to a specified amount, to participating, qualified and licensed physicians and dentists who practice in underserved areas. Also creates the Community Healthcare Service Expansion Fund containing the Dentally Underserved Account and the Medically Underserved Account.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Business & Professions 5-1

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 1350/McPherson - Establishes the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee, with specified membership, to develop specified terrorism awareness training. Requires EMSA and the State Fire Marshal, separately, to establish training standards and develop instruction courses based on the recommendations of the committee, involving the responsibilities of first responders to terrorism incidents. Specifies that it shall be implemented using specified federal funding.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate 39-0

STATUS: Senate Government Organization & Health Committees

SUPPORT IN CONCEPT (SIC)

AB 32/Richman – Creates the Cal-Health Program to provide coordination of the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal.

LAST ACTION: Amended on 8/30/01, but not heard in Senate Appropriations

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

BILLS OF INTEREST

AB 883/Florez – Requires counties to establish an EMS fund and to maintain a reserve in the fund. Establishes a state EMS Equalization Fund and would require that any county funds not disbursed according to the funds statutory scheme be distributed to counties based on the number of ER visits. Revises the formula for distribution of the funds. Other provisions including reducing county discretionary funds from 17% to 7%.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services as amended 7-2

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee – Placed on Suspense File

AB 1763/Richman – Establishes a Public Health Emergency Powers Commission that would be

required to submit to the Governor a designated public health emergency plan within 6 months after the commission's appointment. CHEAC is allowed one representative on the commission.

LAST ACTION: Heard in Assembly Appropriations 5/22

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1833/Nakano – Revises the claims payment procedures for county EMS funds. Makes various changes related to the administration of EMS funds.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Appropriations per Senate Rule 28.8

STATUS: Senate Floor