

CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2004 - #19

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SUPPORT 1

AB 1457/Budget Committee – Partial fix to Poison Pill problem. Allows DMV to transfer VLF funds to Realignment Account. Also requires Controller to transfer funds to Local Revenue Fund for 02/03 and 03/04 the amount that would have been transferred absent the VLF “gap”.

LAST ACTION: Amended 5/3/04 – Passed off Senate Floor (33-2) – Assembly Concurred in Senate amendments (77-0) – to the Governor

STATUS: Signed by the Governor – Chapter 37, Statutes of 2004

AB 1881/Berg - Reauthorizes the integrated contracting pilot program for any county that wants to participate. Extends the programs’ sunset date to 1/1/10.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of the Assembly (54-13)

STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee – Set for hearing 6/9/04

AB 2301/Maze - Eliminates the requirement for CHIP quarterly reports and estimated annual reports.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services (10-0)

STATUS: Senate Floor (Consent Calendar)

AB 2871/Berg – Authorizes cities, counties or cities and counties to have a clean needle and syringe exchange project that authorizes such an exchange.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of the Assembly (44-33)

STATUS: Referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee

AJR 54/Pacheco - Memorializes the President and Congress to revise the formula used to calculate the FMAP to consider, in addition to a state’s per capita income, the total number of persons living in poverty in that state.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended from Senate Health & Human Services (10-0)

STATUS: Senate Floor (amendments pending)

AB 5 (5X)/McCarthy – Eliminates the poison pill in Realignment regarding the computation of the VLF.

STATUS: Assembly Budget Committee

SB 678/Ortiz - Appropriations bill for the CDC and HRSA bioterrorism preparedness grants. Authorizes DHS to enter into contracts for the purpose of meeting the federally approved BT plan; exempts those contracts from provisions of law relating to contracting by state agencies.

LAST ACTION: To Governor

STATUS: Signed by Governor, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2004

SUPPORT 2

AB 1091/Negrete McLeod - Requires the reportable diseases list to include reportable conditions and the urgency of reporting each disease and condition. Requires DHS to consult with CCLHO before making a change to the list. Exempts modifications to the list from certain existing adoption of administrative rules and regulations law provisions.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services Committee (10-0)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1657/Chan - Prohibits the sale, offering for sale, distribution or import into CA of any prepackaged alcoholic beverage made with a gelatin, or other similar base, intended to solidify the product into a gelatinous, non-liquid state, unless it is sold on the premises in a business establishment that prohibits the presence of persons under the age of 21.

STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization Committee – Set for hearing 6/8/04

AB 2026/Hancock - Extends the operative duration of the youth pilot program to 1/1/09.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services (10-0)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 2963/Pacheco – Requires, by 1/1/05, DHS to evaluate the regulations that became effective on 1/1/04 relating to nurse-to-patient ratios in health facilities' medical/surgical units. Provides that DHS may not impose the 1:5 ratio requirement upon these facilities unless the department is able to demonstrate that certain conditions are satisfied.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Health Committee – Failed Passage (5-10) – Reconsideration Granted

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee

SB 142/Alpert - Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the need for expanded genetic testing of newborns in CA. Deletes the requirement, in the Hereditary Disorders Act, that the DHS director establish and adjust the newborn screening fee. Requires DHS to adopt regulations to implement the fee provisions, in consultation with the Dept. of Insurance and Dept. of Managed Care. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Health Committee & Public Safety Committee - Set for hearing 6/8/04 (Health)

STATUS: Re-set for hearing in Assembly Health 6/15/04

SB 1083/Ortiz – Makes an order of a local health officer enforceable immediately by certain state or local peace officers.

STATUS: Senate Public Safety

SB 1192/Chesbro - Requires Knox-Keene health care service plans and disability insurance policies to provide coverage for the treatment of medically necessary substance related disorders on the same basis as they provide coverage for any other medical condition. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Passed off the Senate Floor (23-13)

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 6/22/04

SB 1362/Figueroa - Authorizes a county's hazardous waste element to include a program for the safe collection, treatment and disposal of sharps waste generated by households.

LAST ACTION: Passed off of Senate Floor (38-0)

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Natural Resources Committee – **Withdrawn from Assembly Health & re-referred to Assembly Natural Resources**

SB 1566/Escutia – Extends the elementary school restriction on the sale of sodas and other sweetened beverages to high schools and middle schools.

LAST ACTION: In Assembly

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Assembly Education Committee

SB 1585/Speier - Requires beef or poultry suppliers, distributors or processors that sell products in CA that is subject to a voluntary recall requested by the USDA to immediately notify DHS, and provide a list of retailers that have received the product. Requires DHS to inform appropriate health officers and environmental health directors of the incident. Health Officers and Environmental Health Directors would be required to inform the public regarding the recall. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: In Assembly

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee

SB 1764/Speier - Expands the entities authorized to disclose immunization information to include foster care agencies. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: In Assembly

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee

SB 1847/Perata - Extends the repeal date of the Omnibus Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Act until 1/1/11.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Appropriations via Senate Rule 28.8 - Passed off Senate Floor (38-0)

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee – **Set for hearing 6/8/04 and 6/22/04**

SUPPORT IF AMENDED

AB 1239/Wiggins - Imposes a fee, determined by DHS, on specified tobacco product manufacturers who did not sign the MSA. Creates the Nonparticipating Tobacco Manufacturer Mitigation Trust Fund to receive moneys derived from the imposition of the fee. Fees would be used to fund tobacco-related health measures.

STATUS: Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee and Health & Human Services Committee – Set for hearing 6/9/04 (Rev & Tax)

Requested Amendment: Amendment to designate local funds for health purposes.

AB 2297/Vargas - Amends the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act to require DHS to regulate lead in imported candy and use those fees to regulate the lead content of imported candy.

Authorizes DHS to enter into contracts with health officers and to provide grants to environmental justice organizations.

STATUS: In Senate

Requested Amendment: Amendment to place enforcement responsibilities with environmental health departments provided adequate *new* funding sources are also included.

AB 2307/Richman – Requires DHS to implement a process that allows an applicant for licensure as a primary care clinic to be enrolled or certified, or both, as a provider in those programs.

LAST ACTION: Passed off the Assembly Floor (79-0)

STATUS: Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee – Set for hearing 6/9/04

Requested Amendment: Amendment to include county clinics and CHDP & CMSP quality standards be included as part of the Medi-Cal review.

SB 1159/Vaconcellos - Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to sell hypodermic needles or syringes to a person without a prescription. Provides that reimbursement for costs of this bill would be made only if the Commission on State Mandates determines mandated state costs. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Passed off of Senate Floor (22-13)

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee & Natural Resources Committee – **Set for hearing 6/15/04 (Health)**

Requested Amendment: Amendment to allow the collection of fees or some other mechanism to recover the costs of administering the program.

OPPOSE 1

AB 2270/Chan – Revises the provisions requiring DHS to administer a separate Administrative Claiming process that would apply to a local education agency. Requires the department to perform various duties.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Placed on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

STATUS: Heard on 5/19/04, remains in Committee

AB 2597/La Suer - Allows a purchaser of a qualified vehicle to elect to prepay the first three years of the vehicle license fee on that qualified vehicle at a 15% discounted rate. Provides that 10% of the prepaid VLF revenues would be deposited to the credit of the Local Firefighter Account (LFA) created by the bill. Monies would be credited to each county's LFA to be used to provide firefighter training to local firefighters within that county. Other provisions.

STATUS: Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee

OPPOSE 2

AB 2563/Bogh – Provides that if a person violates provisions of being under the influence of any controlled substance while knowing she is pregnant she is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10K, imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed 1 year, imprisonment in state prison, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Public Safety Committee – Failed Passage (2-4)

STATUS: Assembly Public Safety Committee

AB 2763/Diaz – Permits a temporary food facility, as defined, to sell sushi, teriyaki chicken or manjyu that has been at room temperature for no more than 24 hours. Requires, after this 24-hour period, that this food be destroyed.

LAST ACTION: Passed off the Assembly Floor (78-1)

STATUS: In Senate

SPECIAL INTEREST BILLS

AB 2293/Wolk - Requires the establishment of emergency medical care committees in each county, prescribes its membership, includes review of complaints relating to the local EMS plan within the jurisdiction of the committee and requires the Commission on Emergency Medical Services to review appeals.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee – Amended 4/14/04

AB 2766/Richman - Deletes the existing Sales Tax Growth Account subaccounts in Realignment, revises the name of other subaccounts, adds the Non-Caseload Social Services Subaccount to that account and makes conforming changes. Other provisions.

STATUS: Assembly Human Services Committee

AB 2769/Richman - Establishes within the CA Health & Human Services Agency the State Department of Public Health, under the direction of the State Health Officer. Requires the department of administer various health-related programs.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee

SB 431/Ortiz - Appropriates funds **\$2,300,000** from the Federal Trust Fund to DHS to implement state and local bioterrorism preparedness measures.

LAST ACTION: Passed to Assembly (23-10)

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 6/22/04 – Amended 6/2/04

SB 858/Ortiz – Enacts the Public Health Act of 2004. Establishes the State Department of Public Health to be headed by the State Public Health Officer. Transfers the responsibility for some programs from DHS to the newly created department. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Health Committee - Amended 7/29/03

STATUS: Amended 4/28/04 – Set for hearing 6/15/04

SB 1783/Dunn - Extends the date of termination of the prohibition against CCS covered services being incorporated into a Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after 8/1/94 – until 8/1/08. Extends the exception from that prohibition to include Medi-Cal managed care contracts entered into after 8/1/94 for regional health authorities in specified counties.

LAST ACTION: In Assembly

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 6/22/04