

CHEAC Hot Sheet #21 - 2006

June 16, 2006

Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 392/Chan <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> Senate Floor Inactive File. <i>Last Amendment:</i>	Expands the ability of a county to implement an integrated health and human services system.	S-1
AB 576/Wolk <i>IZ Registry</i>	<i>Location:</i> Senate Judiciary Committee <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/14/06	Allows patient physicians, local health departments and DHS to maintain access to immunization records when a patient refuses the sharing of this information.	S-2
AB 586/Negrete McLeod <i>EMS/BT</i>	<i>Location:</i> Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Last amendment:</i> 6/14/06	Authorizes the local EMS agency administrator and the local health officer to act as the medical/health operational area coordinator. Designates the medical/health operational area coordinator, if any, in cooperation with various agencies, as the entity responsible for ensuring the development of a medical and health disaster plan. Sets forth the contents of the plan. Requires DHS and EMSA to adopt related regulations.	Special Interest Bill
AB 959/Frommer <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/8/06	Allows county (and city) public health clinics, as well as freestanding county primary and specialty care clinics which serve Medi-Cal patients on a fee-for-service basis to participate in the Medicaid Outpatient Supplemental Payment Program.	S-1
AB 2004/Yee <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/28/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/27/06	Would prohibit terminating a minor's Medi-Cal eligibility if the minor is incarcerated instead requires DHS to suspend an incarcerated juvenile's Medi-Cal eligibility. Upon release from incarceration, DHS must ensure a juvenile has immediate access to Medi-Cal program health care services.	SIA
AB 2076/Laird <i>AIDS/HIV</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/21/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/28/06	Would allow counties to use HIV prevention and education funds to support clean needle and syringe projects.	S-2
AB 2427/ Canciamilla <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Heard on 4/24/06 and failed passage. <i>Last Amendment:</i>	Exemption for those over the age of 18 from motorcycle helmet law.	O-1
AB 2469/Evans <i>IHSS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Human Services Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/27/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/3/06	Advances funds to counties, with a population of 250,000 or less, against future realignment revenues to cover the full-cost of IHSS.	O-1

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AB 2554/Ridley-Thomas EMS	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/21/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/10/06	Limits the authority of local EMS agency or public safety agency medical directors to take disciplinary actions regarding certificates issued or renewed by that local EMS or public safety agency.	O-1
*AB 2584/De La Torre Emergency Preparedness	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/28/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/26/06	Requires state or local agencies conducting emergency or disaster preparedness drills relating to the outbreak of infectious diseases to establish a process to identify deficiencies in procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch with Concerns
AB 3048/Dymally IHSS	<i>Location:</i> In the Senate Human Services Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/27/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/6/06	Authorizes IHSS providers to receive wages, up to one hour a month, to provide assistance to IHSS clients while at medical appointments.	Watch with Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 162/Ortiz Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/27/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/12/06	Establishes the State Department of Public Health, to be headed by the State Health Officer to be appointed by the Governor. Transfers various public health programs to the newly established department. State Public Health Board provision eliminated. Budget neutrality provision inserted.	SIA
SB 409/Kehoe State Budget Public Health Preparedness	<i>Location:</i> Signed by Governor. Chapter 26, Statutes of 2006.	State Budget current year proposals: local pandemic influenza planning funds (\$4.5 million), some public health lab funding, some anti-viral funding and the EMSA PPE purchasing proposal.	S-1
SB 699/Soto AIDS/HIV	<i>Location:</i> Signed by Governor. Chapter 20, Statutes of 2006.	Changes HIV reporting system to names-based system. (Replaced SB 945 which was dropped from the hot sheet.)	S-2
SB 1287/Ducheny Realignment	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/15/06	Requires the UC Welfare Policy Research Project to prepare a report sponsor a symposium, using data, information and assistance from DOF, DSS and the LAO for the Legislature and the Governor legislators, legislative staff and affected stakeholders relating to on programs funded out of the Realignment Social Services Account.	Watch with Concerns
SB 1288/Cedillo Medi-Cal Alcohol/Drug	<i>Location:</i> In the Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/20/06 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/26/06	Requires that residential drug and alcohol treatment services for minors (12-20) be a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal Drug Treatment Program. Other provisions.	S-2

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SB 1350/Romero <i>EMS Trauma Care</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>6/20/06</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/3/06	Establishes a statewide inclusive trauma system, with EMSA as the lead agency, and requires EMSA to establish trauma care regions. Requires each region to develop a trauma care plan that will provide trauma care coverage to the entire region. Requires local EMS agencies to distribute existing trauma care funds using a competitive grant-based system.	Watch with Concerns
SB 1430/Alquist <i>Health Officers Public Health Law</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health and Judiciary Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing (Health) <u>6/27/06</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/20/06	Allows first responders to hold individuals exposed to toxic agents for two hours for decontamination. Expands the authority of local health officers to declare a local <i>health</i> emergency (currently allowed only for toxic spills) if there is imminent and proximate threat of infectious disease. Emergency declaration must be ratified by the BOS within seven days. Further defines local health emergency. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
SB 1469/Cedillo <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>6/20/06</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/15/06	Provides a mechanism ensuring health care benefits for incarcerated youths, who are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal or HFP, upon their release.	SIA

NOTE: Bills with an asterisk reflect CHEAC Legislative Committee action and positions are unofficial until ratified by the General Membership in August.

Definitions of Legislative Terms

Chaptered – A bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Concurrence – The approval by the house of origin of a bill that was amended in the opposite house .

Dead Bill – A bill that has not met legislative deadlines for passage. Usually occurs at the beginning of the second year of a two-year legislative session.

Failed Passage – A bill that has been voted on in either a committee or assembly or senate floor and did not receive a majority vote. An urgency measure or tax increase must receive 2/3 vote on the floor.

Gut and Amend – An amended bill where the previous legislative language is removed and replaced with entirely new subject matter.

Held in Committee – Status of a bill that is heard in committee but no action is taken.

Inactive File – A bill ready for floor consideration but placed on a dormant list upon the author’s request.

Interim Study – The assignment of a bill’s subject matter to the appropriate committee for study during the period the Legislature is not in session.

Reconsideration Granted – A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a bill that has failed passage in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rules Committee – All bills are initially referred to this committee in each house for policy committee assignments.

Spot Bill (or intent bill) – A bill that proposes nonsubstantive changes to a code section in a particular subject. Often used as a legislative vehicle later in the legislative session for ideas not fully fleshed out when the bill is introduced.

Suspense File – Bills meeting a certain appropriation threshold in fiscal committees are placed on the suspense file. Fiscal committees in each house hold a special hearing close to the fiscal committee deadlines (late May and August) to determine which bills will come off the suspense file and move forward. The decision on each bill is pre-determined by leadership and the committee vote is mostly a formality.