

CHEAC Hot Sheet #17 - 2007

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 8/Nunez <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 7/3/07	Creates the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Program (Cal-CHIP) to function as a health care coverage purchasing pool. Subject to the appropriation of future funds, expands the number of children eligible for HFP and Medi-Cal. Deletes the citizen and immigration requirements for children under HFP and Medi-Cal. Other provisions.	SIC
AB 53/Dymally <i>HIV/AIDS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/27/07	Renames the Office of AIDS to the Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education, and requires DPH to establish 6 regional HIV/AIDS centers.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 110/Laird <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Would allow counties to use HIV prevention and education funds to support clean needle and syringe projects.	S-2
AB 217/Beall <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/9/07	Requires that the VLF be paid on a biennial basis rather than an annual basis.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 220/Bass <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 7/2/07	Enacts the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act.	OUA
AB 315/Berg <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/19/07	Eliminates the repeal date for the integrated health and human services program statute.	S-2
AB 363/Berg <i>Medi-Cal FQHC</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/27/07	Authorizes the provision of FQHC services to a patient by certain qualified health professionals at locations other than the FQHC's primary clinic site.	S-2
AB 423/Beall <i>Mental Health Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/1/07	Expands coverage requirements for health plans and insurance, beginning 1/1/08, to include diagnosis and treatment of mental illness (current law only covers "severe mental illness") and substance abuse.	S-2
AB 425/Adams <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. 2-Year Bill	Exempts motorcycle riders, over the age of 18, who have either completed a motorcycle rider training program or have been issued a class M1 license, from the helmet safety law.	O-1

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AB 474/DeVore VLF	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/16/07	Permits the Director of the DMV to establish a biennial vehicle registration period. Entitles a registrant choosing this option a 5% reduction in fees.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 681/Carter Health Departments	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Health Committee. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/25/07	Requires the San Bernardino County health department, and would authorize any other local health department, to establish a pilot program to prepare a local health assessment and planning report assessing the quality of health care provided to county residents.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 708/Huff Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. Failed passage; reconsideration granted. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/26/07	Requires DPH to develop and implement an abstinence education program that would maximize federal financial participation.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1386/Price IHSS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. 2-Year Bill.	Defines, for IHSS workers, the scope of accompaniment to a health-related appointment.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1603/Caballero EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. 2-Year Bill	Provides that any city, district or other local government may elect to provide ambulance transportation service within its geographic jurisdiction.	O-1
AB 1634/Levine Animal Control	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Local Government Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 7/3/07	Prohibits anyone from owning dog or cat over the age of 6 months unless that has not been spayed or neutered. Several exemptions are established. Establishes an intact permit fee in an amount to be determined by a local jurisdiction and to be used for the administration and enforcement of the local permit program.	S-2
AB 1646/DeSaulnier Public Health Districts	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health and Local Government Committees. 2-Year Bill	Authorizes the formation of public health districts.	Watch w/ Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 7/Oropeza Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/4/07	Makes it an infraction to smoke in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor.	S-2
SB 137/Torlakson CCS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 7/10/07	Changes the eligibility limitation for CCS eligible families (currently at \$40,000) to a family with an annual or monthly income equal to or less than 400% FPL. Exempts county expenditures for children in families with an adjusted gross income exceeding a benchmark which is equal to the dollar amount equal to 300% FPL for a family of two. In addition, counties shall be reimbursed administrative costs for children meeting that benchmark.	OUA
SB 147/Ashburn Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. 2-Year Bill.	Appropriates \$1 million to DHS to research the development of a vaccine for Valley Fever.	S-2

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SB 254/Ashburn EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Public Safety Committees. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/17/07	Requires EMSA, beginning 1/1/09, to be the agency responsible for the statewide licensure and licensure renewal of EMT-Is and EMT-IIs. Would require all applicants for licensure to have a state and federal criminal background check. Requires all EMT-I and EMT-II employers to report in writing to the local EMS agency medical director and EMSA whenever certain disciplinary actions are taken.	S-2
SB 260/Steinberg Medi-Cal	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/26/07	Provides that more than one Medi-Cal encounter between a patient and a provider on the same day and at a single location may be billed separately under certain circumstances. Also provides that under specified circumstances, visits with different health care professionals on the same day of service may be billed as separate visits.	S-2
SB 261/Romero EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/28/07	Eliminates some of the qualifying criteria for the distribution of trauma funding. Requires EMSA to establish a statewide trauma registry and requires LEMSAs to provide data to the Authority by 1/1/09 based on criteria developed by EMSA. Authorizes EMSA to audit trauma care facilities and makes EMSA the lead agency responsible for the centralized state regional trauma system.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 583/Ridley-Thomas EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/23/07	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.	OUA
SB 809/Ashburn Clinics	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. 2-Year Bill <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/26/07	Sets forth the activities that a nurse practitioner is authorized to engage in. Revises the educational requirements for certification as a nurse practitioner, and requires a nurse practitioner to be certified by a nationally recognized certifying body approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. Removes the mandatory supervision of a physician or surgeon requirement for nurse practitioners. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns

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SB 840/Kuehl Health Care Reform	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 7/10/07	Establishes the California Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created CA Health Insurance Agency under the control of an elected Health Insurance Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program. Other provisions.	SIA
*SB 853/Ridley-Thomas EMS	<i>Location:</i> Assembly Rules <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/25/07	Requires EMSA to maintain a centralized EMT certification and licensure database. Requires EMS providers to conduct complete background checks on all EMT certification holders. Requires EMS providers to submit to LEMSAs disciplinary policies and procedures for EMTs and authorizes the provider to impose prescribed discipline in accordance with said policies. Authorizes LEMSA medical directors to impose prescribed discipline against EMT certificate holders, to conduct audits of disciplinary proceedings and to impose discipline if certain findings are made.	Watch w/ Concerns

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

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 passed out of it’s house of origin by the end of January of the second-year of the two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

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.

Two-Year Bill – A bill that has not passed out of its house of origin policy or appropriations committee by designated deadlines in the first year of a two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Strong Support	S - 2 Soft Support	S - 3 Discretionary Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	O - 3 Discretionary Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended
WC Watch with Concerns	W - SIB Watch - Special Interest Bill	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back

► Please note the Legislative Committee, on 3/22/07, recommended Support in Concept (SIC) positions for AB 8/Nunez and SB 48/Perata, the two major health care proposals before the Legislature.