

CHEAC Hot Sheet #16 – 2008

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 363/Berg <i>Medi-Cal</i> FQHC <i>Rural Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/14/08	Authorizes the provision of FQHC services to a patient by certain qualified health professionals at locations other than the FQHC's primary clinic site. Redirects funds for the grants-in-aid program for BY 07/08 to be encumbered for the Rural Health Services Development program and the Seasonal Agricultural Migratory Workers program for BY 07/08 only.	S-2
AB 1634/Levine <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Local Government Committee.	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 1900/Nava <i>Vital Records</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 5/22/08 .	Authorizes a Board of Supervisors to increase fees for certified copies of death records with proceeds to be distributed to nonprofit senior providers in the community or to the public guardian. Funds collected shall not supplant existing local funds supporting senior services.	S-2
AB 2129/Beall <i>Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 5/22/08 .	Requires CDPH, in collaboration with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, to develop, coordinate and oversee the implementation of a universal screening, assessment, referral and treatment model program for women either pregnant or of child-bearing age suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2344/Beall <i>Tobacco</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 5/22/08 .	Requires cigarette or tobacco retailers to pay annual license fees.	SIA

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AB 2400/Price <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> On the Assembly Floor.	Requires general acute care hospitals or psychiatric hospitals, prior to closing or eliminating supplemental services, to provide public notice on all entrances into the facility, notice to the CDPH, notice to the local board of supervisors. Also requires said health facility, 18 months after proposed changes have been made, to report to CDPH and the public on the impact of the changes on mortality, morbidity, readmissions, patient injuries and infection rates.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2490/Jeffries <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Creates the CA Public Safety Agency, folding in the following entities: CA Highway Patrol, Department of Forestry, EMSA, OES, Homeland Security, the State Fire Marshall and the Office of Traffic Safety.	OUA
AB 2527/Berg <i>MAA/TCM</i>	<i>Location:</i> Passed to the Senate.	Technical clean-up to MAA/TCM statute.	S-1
AB 2702/Nunez <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Adds standby emergency services in a Los Angeles facility to the list of eligible entities fro Maddy Fund emergency services reimbursements.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2716/Ma <i>Public Health Emp. Benefits</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Provides paid sick days for all employees in the state who work for more than 7 days in a calendar year. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2819/DeSaulnier <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee.	Provides that no firefighter, EMT-I, EMT-II or EMT-P, shall be subject to criminal prosecution for any legal act performed in the course and scope of their employment. Immunity does not apply when employee is subject to criminal prosecution for acts or omissions performed outside of their professional capacity or with demonstrable general criminal intent.	Special Interest Bill
AB 2917/Torrico <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Establishes integrated (employer/LEMSA) process for disciplining EMT's. Requires EMSA to develop regulations for disciplinary procedures. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
AB 2942/Ma <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Assembly Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Requires OSHPD to develop a standardized format and methodology for hospitals to utilize in calculating and presenting community benefits information. Requires all hospitals in state (not just non-profits) to complete community needs assessments and community benefit plans. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns

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AB 2996/De La Torre <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> Referred to the Senate Health and Governmental Organization Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/11/08 (Hlth).	Requires CDPH and local health departments (LHDs) to establish a process when conducting exercises on the outbreak of an infectious disease to identify any deficiencies in their preparedness plans and procedures and to track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch w/ Concerns
AJR 54/Laird <i>SCHIP</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Memorializes Congress and the President to rescind the August 17, 2007, CMS directive on the SCHIP program.	S-2
SENATE BILLS			
SB 158/Florez <i>Hospitals Infection Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Rules Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/13/08	Repeals the Hospital Infectious Disease Control Program established in 2006. Creates a new program within CDPH for health care infection surveillance, prevention and control. Assesses an additional fee on hospitals to pay for the program. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 840/Kuehl <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	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 997/Ridley-Thomas <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In the Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 6/10/08 .	EMT certification and licensure bill.	Watch w/ Concerns

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SB 1058/Alquist <i>Health Facilities</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/22/08</u> .	Establishes the Medical Facility Infection Control & Prevention Act that requires all hospitals to implement procedures for the screening, prevention and reporting of specific acquired infections. Requires DPH to sponsor local and regional trainings to prepare LHDs to control and track disease outbreaks, to provide LHDs and health officers with an inventory of basic electronic disease investigation data analysis software & to develop statewide exercises on communicable disease investigations.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1179/Aanestad <i>Immunizations</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee.	Eliminates from current school immunization law language allowing the inclusion of other required immunizations recommended by the US Public Health Services' Centers for Disease Control Immunization Practices Advisory Committee and the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee of Infectious Diseases.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1184/Kuehl <i>Disease Reporting</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>6/10/08</u> .	Requires all clinical labs to report all CD4 count test results to health officers within seven days. Other provisions.	S-2
SB 1236/Padilla <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee.	Extends the sunset to 1/1/14 that authorizes Boards of Supervisors to levy additional penalties collected for criminal offenses to be used for pediatric trauma centers and county EMS (Maddy Fund).	S-2
SB 1533/Ashburn <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee.	Establishes integrated (employer/LEMSA) process for disciplining EMT's. Requires EMSA to develop guidelines for disciplinary procedures. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill

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 it’s 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