

# BILLS PENDING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE PERTAINING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

## Senate Bills:

### Senator Eggman's "8 Bill Package":

**SB 929 (Eggman-D)** would improve the data on services provided to LPS conservatees.

**SB 965 (Eggman-D)** would allow for relevant testimony to be heard during LPS conservatorship hearings by creating an exception to the rule against hearsay.

**SB 970 (Eggman-D)** called the "MHSA Outcomes and Accountability Act," this bill would apply the Continuous Quality Improvement paradigm to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, requiring greater accountability for spending and outcome data. This bill would also provide some funding flexibilities once the improvement framework is in place.

**SB 1035 (Eggman-D)** would allow a court to order medication compliance as a Laura's Law treatment plan.

**SB 1154 (Eggman-D)** would create a statewide database of available behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment beds.

**SB 1227 (Eggman-D)** would add one additional 30-day stabilization period to the authority of a Public Guardian or Conservator to continue to allow a client to improve and possibly avoid LPS conservatorship.

**SB 1238 (Eggman-D)** would require a regional planning process for behavioral health facilities and services akin to the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

**SB 1416 (Eggman-D)** would change the definition of gravely disabled under LPS law to include an inability to make decisions related to personal or medical care and self-protection and safety.

### Other bills pending in the Senate:

**SB 1338 (Unberg-D)** would establish a framework for a CARE court to deliver mental health and SUD services to folks who suffer from SMI (also see the parallel bill in the Assembly – AB 2830)

**SB 1446 (Stern-D)** called the "Mental health care guaranteed rights," this bill would provide that a person that lacks supportive housing and behavioral health care and is otherwise not living safely in the community would have a right to mental health care services, housing that heals, and access to a full-service partnership model.

**SB 749 (Glazer-D)** would create more oversight of MHSA, specifically requiring the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to create a comprehensive tracking program for county MHSA spending and outcomes.

**SB 946 (Weiner-D)** called the “Behavioral Health Workforce Equity and Revitalization Act, this bill would create stipends for students in MSW programs, and salary increases for behavioral health workers.

### **Assembly Bills:**

**AB 2242 (Santiago-D)** would create a model care coordination plan to be followed when discharging those held under temporary holds or a conservatorship; would also clarify that MHSA funds may be used for LPS services and would impose new reporting requirements on counties regarding their expenditure of MHSA funds.

**AB 2020 (Fallagher-R)** would authorize a county to use an expanded definition of the term “gravely disabled.”

**AB 2023 (Bennett-D)** would require counties to create a warm handoff system for persons with mental illness who are leaving jail.

**AB 2830 (Bloom-D)** would establish a framework for a CARE court to deliver mental health and SUD services to folks who suffer from SMI (also see the parallel bill in the Senate – SB 1338)

**AB 998 (Bauer-Kahan-D)** would establish the 9-8-8 mental health crisis hotline system.