



Deputy Director of Policy and Planning Report
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SCDD Sponsored Legislation			
Bill Number and Author	Name of Bill	Short Summary of Bill	Final Status of Bill
AB 1696 (Formerly SB 433) (Mendoza)	Insurance omnibus: developmental services	Existing law establishes the Employment First Policy, which is the policy that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment be given the highest priority for working-age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities...The bill would also require the Director of Employment Development to disclose specified information to the State Department of Developmental Services to assist the State Department of Developmental Services in the implementation of the Employment First Policy.	09/13/17 To Engrossing and Enrolling, then to Governor.
AB 1170 (Cooley)	Developmental disabilities: competitive integrated employment ombudsperson	Would establish within the State Council on Developmental Disabilities the office of the Competitive Integrated Employment Ombudsperson. The bill would require the executive director of the council to appoint a qualified individual to serve as the ombudsperson and would specify the duties of the ombudsperson, including, among other things, the duty to serve as a resource regarding the rights and services available under the California Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint, as defined.	4/28/2017-Failed Deadline. (May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Bills Sent to Governor to Sign or Veto		
AB 1379 (Thurmond D)	Certified access specialist program: funding.	Current law requires the State Architect to establish and publicize a program for voluntary certification by the state of any person who meets specified criteria as a certified access specialist (CASp), as provided. Current law, on and after January 1, 2013, and until December 31, 2017, inclusive, requires that any applicant for an original or renewal of a local business license or equivalent instrument or permit to pay an additional fee of \$1 for that license, instrument, or permit, to be collected by the city, county, or city and county that issued the license, instrument, or permit. This bill would extend the operation of this fee indefinitely and, on and after January 1, 2018, and until December 31, 2023, increase the amount from \$1 to \$4.
SB 449 (Monning D)	Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities: training programs.	Current law requires a skilled nursing or intermediate care facility to adopt an approved training program, which is required to include a precertification training program consisting of at least 60 classroom hours of training on basic nursing skills, patient safety and rights, the social and psychological problems of patients, and resident abuse prevention, recognition, and reporting and at least 100 hours of supervised and on-the-job training clinical practice. This bill would require that at least 2 of the 60 hours of classroom training address the special needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. By changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
AB 340 (Arambula D)	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: trauma screening.	Would require the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and others, to convene, by May 1, 2018, an advisory working group to update, amend, or develop, if appropriate, tools and protocols for screening children for trauma as defined, within the EPSDT benefit, as specified. The bill would require this group to report its findings and recommendations, as well as any appropriations necessary to implement those recommendations, to the department and to the Legislature's budget subcommittees on health and human services no later than May 1, 2019, and would provide that this group would be disbanded on December 31, 2019.
AB 384 (Irwin D)	The Qualified ABLE Program: tax-advantaged savings accounts.	Current law requires that an ABLE account only be established for a designated beneficiary who is a resident of this state, and that the California ABLE Act Board market the program to residents of this state to the extent funds are

		available. This bill would expand the residency requirement for a designated beneficiary to being a resident of the United States, and as a result, would expand the purposes of a continuously appropriated fund, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the board to market the program to residents of the United States to the extent funds are available.
AB 434 (Baker R)	State Web accessibility: standard and reports.	Current law requires the heads of state agencies and entities to appoint chief information officers, requires state agencies and entities to report certain information to the Department of Technology, and further requires state agencies to take all necessary steps to achieve the targets set forth by the department in its information technology performance management framework and report their progress to the department on a quarterly basis. This bill, before July 1, 2019, and before July 1 biennially thereafter, would require the director of each state agency or entity and the chief information officer of that state agency or entity to post on the home page of the agency's or entity's Internet Web site a signed certification that the agency's or entity's Internet Web site is in compliance with specified accessibility standards.
AB 959 (Holden D)	Developmental services: regional centers.	Would require the State Department of Social Services to establish and maintain a page on its Internet Web site that includes a list of services purchased or provided to consumers by regional centers and descriptions of those services. The bill would require a regional center to also include on its Internet Web site a link to that page on the department's Internet Web site.
AB 973 (Low D)	Remote accessible vote by mail system	Would, beginning January 1, 2020, require a county elections official to permit a voter with a disability, or a military or overseas voter, to cast his or her ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system. This requirement would not apply to a county when conducting an all-mailed ballot election, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
AB 1200 (Cervantes D)	Aging and Disability Resource Connection program.	Would, contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose by the Legislature, establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. The bill would specify the services offered by, and responsibilities of, an ADRC program, including providing short-term service coordination and transition services, as specified.
AB 1264 (Garcia, Eduardo D)	Special education pupils: individualized education program: meetings: school records.	Current law requires a public agency to comply with a request for school records without unnecessary delay before any meeting regarding an individualized education program. This bill would require a public agency, before any meeting regarding an individualized education program, to offer to provide to the parent copies of any available, completed school records

		related to the pupil's current levels of performance, and any available, completed assessment reports, if these records and reports are related to that meeting. The bill would require the public agency, if the parent requests those copies, to make them available to the parent at least 5 business days before the meeting.
AB 1315 (Mullin D)	Mental health: early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention.	Would establish an advisory committee to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for purposes of creating an early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention competitive selection process to, among other things, expand the provision of high-quality, evidence-based early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention services in this state by providing funding to the counties for this purpose. The bill would require a county that receives an award of funds to contribute local funds, as specified.
AB 1607 (Frazier D)	Developmental services: integrated competitive employment.	Would authorize a consumer in a supported employment program or work activity program who has the stated goal of integrated competitive employment in his or her IPP to request to use tailored day services in conjunction with his or her existing program to achieve that goal, if specified criteria are met, including that the type, amount, and provider of tailored day service allowed under these provisions is determined through the IPP process. The bill would specify the maximum hours of tailored day services that may be authorized in conjunction with existing services under these provisions.
SB 218 (Dodd D)	The Qualified ABLE Program: tax-advantaged savings accounts.	Would authorize, only to the extent permitted under federal law, the transfer of all amounts in a designated beneficiary's ABLE account to an ABLE account for another eligible individual specified by either the designated beneficiary or the estate of the designated beneficiary upon the death of the designated beneficiary. The bill would require the California ABLE Act Board, upon establishing a CalABLE account and prior to any transfer of funds from one ABLE account to another, to notify all designated beneficiaries or the estates of the designated beneficiaries, as applicable, of the potential tax consequences of transferring funds from one ABLE account to another pursuant to these provisions.

Bills May Be Acted on in 2018

AB 15 (Maienschein R)	Denti-Cal program: reimbursement rates	Would require the State Department of Health Care Services, for the 2017–18 fiscal year, to double Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services based on the average rates per service established in the 2015–16 fiscal year. The bill would appropriate for the 2017–18 fiscal year such an amount as may be necessary to double the reimbursement rates from the Healthcare Treatment Fund to the department, as specified.
AB 279 (Holden D)	Developmental disabilities: regional centers	Current law authorizes the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports. Current law requires the department to adopt regulations that specify rates, calculated on the basis of a cost model, including, among other things, changes in the state or federal minimum wage, for community care facilities serving persons with developmental disabilities, as specified. This bill would require the cost model described above to also include changes in local minimum wage.
AB 312 (O'Donnell D)	School finance: special education funding.	Current law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the amount of funding to be provided for each special education local plan area in accordance with specified calculations. Current law requires the Superintendent, for the 2013–14 fiscal year, to compute an equalization adjustment for each special education local plan area, as specified. This bill would require the Superintendent to compute that equalization adjustment commencing with the first fiscal year after funds are apportioned pursuant to a specified formula and for each fiscal year thereafter in which an equalization appropriation is made, as specified.
AB 437 (Rodriguez D)	At-risk persons: first responders.	Would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain within the Violent Crime Information Center a Voluntary Online At-Risk Community Network for purposes of providing information to first responders in order to prevent harmful interactions between first responders and seniors or persons with disabilities, as defined. The bill would prescribe the information that a senior, a person with a disability, a person with a limited conservatorship of a person with a developmental or intellectual disability, as specified, or a parent or legal guardian of a minor child with a disability may voluntarily provide to the Attorney General for inclusion in the network, and prescribe how the network would be developed and communicated to the public, as specified.
AB 728 (Waldron R)	Health care coverage: prescription drugs: Duchenne muscular dystrophy.	Would prohibit a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy that covers prescription drug benefits from denying or otherwise limiting coverage of a genetically targeted drug for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy under specified circumstances. Because a willful violation of that provision by a health care service plan would impose a crime under the Knox-Keene Act, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.
AB 1136 (Eggman D)	Health facilities: residential mental or substance use disorder treatment.	Would require the State Department of Public Health to develop and submit a proposal to solicit a grant under the federal 21st Century Cures Act to develop a real-time, Internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential substance use disorder treatment facilities. The bill would require a database created using grant funds received as a result of the submission of that proposal to have the

		capacity to collect data and enable a specified search and to include specified information, including, among other things, the contact information for the facility's designated employee.
SB 283 (Wilk R)	Developmental services.	Current law defines a "developmental disability" as a disability that originates before an individual attains 18 years of age, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for the individual. This bill would modify that definition to mean a disability that originates before an individual attains 22 years of age, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for the individual.
SB 354 (Portantino D)	Special education: individualized education programs: translation services.	Would revise the definition of "parent" to specify that it also includes the educational rights holder and the conservator of a child. The bill would require a local educational agency to communicate in the native language of the parent, or in another mode of communication used by the parent, during the planning process for the individualized education program, as provided, and to provide alternative communication services, including by providing translation services for a pupil's parent, as specified.
SB 409 (Nguyen R)	Veterans' homes: services: complex mental and behavioral health needs.	Would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a survey to assess the ability of veterans' homes to assist veterans with complex mental and behavioral health needs, and develop a plan to accommodate that population, as prescribed. The bill would require the department to submit the plan and any recommendations for future legislation necessary to achieve its objectives to the Legislature by January 1, 2019.
SB 707 (Cannella R)	Medi-Cal: Denti-Cal Advisory Group.	Would, until January 1, 2023, establish the Denti-Cal Advisory Group in the Department of Health Care Services, as specified, for the purpose of studying the policies and priorities of Denti-Cal with the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater, providing assistance and advice to the department, the Legislature, and the Governor to ensure that proposed decisions relating to the Denti-Cal program are based on the best available evidence, and studying and evaluating how Denti-Cal program policies align with and support the implementation of the state oral health plan.
Bills on Hold or No Longer Active		
AB 1372 (Levine D)	Crisis stabilization units: psychiatric patients.	Would authorize a certified crisis stabilization unit designated by a mental health managed care plan, at the discretion of the mental health managed care plan, to provide medically necessary crisis stabilization services to individuals beyond the service time of 24 hours in those cases in which the individual needs inpatient psychiatric care or outpatient care and inpatient psychiatric beds or outpatient services are not reasonably available. The bill would require a person who is placed under, or who is already under, a 72-hour involuntary hold because, based on probable cause, the person, as a result of a mental disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or is gravely disabled, to be credited for the time detained at a certified crisis stabilization unit.