


MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 24, 2016
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14(a)(3)(A) – AB 1715 (Holden) Healing Arts: Behavior Analysis: Licensing

Background:

This bill would have increased the number of members on the Board of Psychology and established the Behavior Analyst Act. This bill would have required a person to obtain a license from the Board to engaging in the practice of behavioral analysis as either a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst. This bill would have required these applicants to, among other things, meet certain educational and training requirements, and submit fingerprints for both a pass a specified state and federal criminal background check.

At the May Board Meeting, the Board took a "Support if Amended" position. On May 23, 2016, the Board sent a "Support if Amended" letter to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, stating the Board's concern over the exemption of individuals employed or contracted by a local educational agency, or a nonpublic agency or school with a contract with a local educational agency. The suggested amendments were not made.

In June, the author pulled the bill from consideration and decided not to pursue the bill this session.

Status: Dead, the Author pulled the bill from consideration by the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee.

Action Requested:

This is for informational purposes only.