


MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 24, 2016
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #14(e) – Update regarding the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) and Mandated Reporting – Penal Code Sections 261.5, 288, and 11165.1

Background:

In February 2015, Assembly Member Garcia requested an opinion from the Attorney General (AG) regarding mandatory reporting requirements under CANRA, on behalf of the Board of Psychology. Since then, the issue became the subject to litigation and the Board's request for an opinion was subsequently suspended.

On September 7, 2016, the Board received an update from the AG's office stating that they will not have a decision by the Court of Appeals on the litigation for several months as the AG's office received notice that oral arguments in the matter are scheduled for November 17, 2016. This means that the appellate decision may not issue until several months after that date. AG Legal Opinion No. 15-201 will remain suspended until there is a definitive judicial decision in the case.

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. There is no action required of the Board.