

MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 28, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 (a)(iii)(L) – SB 142 (Beall) Defendants: Mental Illness

Background:

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure a defendant's history of mental illness informs case processing and the nature of any criminal charges, in alignment with public safety and a defendant's constitutional rights. This bill would also incentivize counties to provide community-based mental health services using funds from the State's cost savings from reduced prison admissions of people with mental illness, and direct counties to invest these cost savings in additional mental health services.

Location: Senate Committee on Rules

Status: 01/13/2017 Introduced

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will be watching SB 142 (Beall) to determine its effects on the Board's licensees.