


MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 4, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6(c)(40) – SB 215 (Beall) Incarcerated Persons: Victim Advocates

Background:

This bill would require a state prison or a county jail to provide incarcerated persons with reasonable access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse, domestic violence, and suicide prevention by allowing incarcerated persons to call the toll-free hotlines of organizations that provide mental health crisis support. The bill would also specify that reasonable communication between an incarcerated person and those organizations is confidential and require that calls to the toll-free hotlines are free of cost to incarcerated persons.

Staff contacted the author's office and was notified that the he will not be pursuing this bill during this legislative session.

Location: Senate Committee on Public Safety

Status: 04/04/17 Set for first hearing, cancelled at the request of Author

Action Requested:

No action is required. This is for informational purposes only.

Attachment A: SB 215 (Beall) Text

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SB-215 Incarcerated persons: victim advocates. (2017-2018)

SECTION 1. *Section 2605 is added to the Penal Code, to read:*

2605. *Each state prison and county jail shall provide incarcerated persons with reasonable access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse, domestic violence, and suicide prevention by allowing incarcerated persons to call the toll-free hotlines of organizations that provide mental health crisis support. The state prison or a county jail shall ensure that reasonable communication between an incarcerated person and those organizations is confidential and shall ensure that calls to the toll-free hotlines are free of cost to incarcerated persons.*

SEC. 2. *If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*