


## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	May 30, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Board of Psychology
<b>FROM</b>	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #12(b)(3)(LL) – SB 8 (Beall) Diversion: Mental Disorders

### **Background:**

This bill would authorize a court, with the consent of the defendant and a waiver of the defendant's speedy trial right, to postpone prosecution of a misdemeanor or a felony punishable in a county jail, and place the defendant in a pretrial diversion program if the court is satisfied that the defendant suffers from a mental disorder, that the defendant's mental disorder played a significant role in the commission of the charged offense, and that the defendant would benefit from mental health treatment. The bill would also allow the defense to arrange for a program of mental health treatment utilizing existing inpatient or outpatient mental health resources.

**Location:** Assembly

**Status:** 5/30/2017 Read third time, passed. Ordered to the Assembly

**Votes:** 5/30/2017 Senate Floor (27-13-0)  
5/25/2017 Senate Appropriations (5-2-0)  
4/3/2017 Senate Committee on Appropriations - To Suspense (7-0-0)  
3/21/2017 Senate Committee on Public Safety (5-2-0)

### **Action Requested:**

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch SB 8 (Beall) to determine if the pretrial diversion program will affect the licensing and enforcement programs ability to effectively screen applicants for licensure and effectively enforce the Psychology Licensing Law.