


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 26, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(C) – AB 93 (Medina) Marriage and Family Therapists: Clinical Social Workers : Professional Clinical Counselors: Required Experience and Supervision

Background:

This bill would revise and recast the supervised experience requirements for marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, and professional clinical counselors licensed by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. The bill would make clarifying changes to the existing requirements for a supervisor of trainees, associates, and applicants for licensure and place new requirements on trainees, associates, and applicants for licensure who are under supervision.

This bill would require a supervisor of marriage and family therapist trainees, associate marriage and family therapists, associate professional clinical counselors, or associate clinical social workers, who perform psychotherapy to meet the requirements of being licensed and practicing psychotherapy or providing direct clinical supervision for at least two years within the five-year period immediately preceding any supervision, along with receiving professional training in supervision as specified. This bill is now a two-year bill, and staff will continue to watch AB 93 (Medina) as it moves through the legislative process.

Location: Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

Status: 6/13/2017 Set for second hearing, canceled at the request of author.

Votes: 5/4/2017 Assembly Floor (76-0-4)
4/26/2017 Assembly Appropriations Committee (16-0-1)
3/28/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (16-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 93 (Medina) for potential impacts on psychologists who supervise the specified trainees.