


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 24, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(S) – AB 620 (Holden) Prisoners: Trauma Focused Programming

Background:

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Department) to implement a four year pilot program at four state prisons to offer trauma-focused programming, which includes, among other things, programs that provide tools for coping and dealing with trauma and individual therapy, to qualified incarcerated persons during the five years preceding his or her parole date. The bill would require the department, by July 1, 2018, to convene a stakeholder group, as specified, and develop trauma-focused programming for use in the pilot program.

The bill would authorize the department to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide trauma-focused programming if a state prison participating in the pilot program does not have a clinical social worker, psychologist, or other qualified professional to provide trauma-focused programming.

Location: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Status: 5/26/2017 In committee: held under submission.

Votes: 3/21/2017 Assembly Committee on Public Safety (6-1-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 620 (Holden) due to the potential for increased access to mental health services for inmates.