


## MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | July 20, 2018  |
| <b>TO</b>      | Board of Psychology  |
| <b>FROM</b>    | <br>Jason Glasspiegel<br>Central Services Coordinator |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | Agenda Item #22(b)(2)(D) – AB 2608 (Stone) Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program: Former Foster Youth              |

**Background:**

This would require an account to be created within the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require moneys in that account to be used solely to fund grants to repay educational loans for applicants who commit to practice in specified facilities for at least 24 months, who are marriage and family therapists, associate marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, associate clinical social workers, licensed professional clinical counselors, or associate professional clinical counselors, and who were formerly in California's foster youth care system.

**Location:** Senate Committee on Appropriations

**Status:** 07/05/18 – Amended and re-referred to committee

**Votes:** 06/27/18 – Senate Health (6-2-1)  
06/18/18 - Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development (6-0-3)  
05/31/18 – Assembly Floor (54-24-0)  
05/25/18 – Assembly Committee on Appropriations (12-3-2)  
04/24/18 – Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (11-4-1)

**Action Requested:**

No action is required. Staff will continue to watch AB 2608 (Stone) as it relates to the Mental Health Practitioner Education Program.

Attachment A: AB 2608 (Stone) Bill Text

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AB-2608 Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program: former foster youth. (2017-2018)

**SECTION 1.** *Section 128455 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:*

**128455.** *An account shall be created within the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in that account shall be used solely to fund grants, consistent with this article, to repay educational loans for applicants who meet all of the following requirements:*

*(a) Commit to provide direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area for at least 24 months.*

*(b) Are marriage and family therapists, associate marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, associate clinical social workers, licensed professional clinical counselors, or associate professional clinical counselors.*

*(c) Were formerly in California's foster youth care system.*