


MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 22(b)(4) – AB 2143 (Caballero) - Mental health: Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program

Background:

Existing law establishes the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program, which allows a licensed mental health service provider, including a psychologist and a marriage and family therapist, who provides direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area to apply for grants under the program to reimburse his or her educational loans related to a career as a licensed mental health service provider.

This bill as amended on June 11, 2018, would expand the program to apply to persons eligible under existing law who attain further education in order to practice as psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners or physician assistants in psychiatric mental health settings, thereby allowing those practitioners to apply for grants under the program for reimbursement of those later-incurred educational loans but paid for by the fund of their psychology license.

At the May 2018 Board meeting, the Board voted to Oppose AB 2143 (Caballero).

On September 17, 2018, the Governor Vetoed AB 2143 (Caballero). His veto message states:

“To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2143 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for educational loan reimbursement grants, through the Licensed Mental Health Provider Education Program, to mental health providers who further their education to become physician assistants or nurse practitioners in mental health facilities.

Physician assistants and nurse practitioners are already eligible for educational loan repayment grants under the state's Advanced Healthcare Loan Repayment

Program. Unfortunately, the loan repayment fund referenced in this bill lacks the necessary funding to pay for the hundreds of applications it currently receives. Adding more applicants as this bill requires just compounds the problem.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.”

Location: Assembly

Status: 09/17/2018 – Vetoed by Governor.

Votes: 08/23/18 – Assembly Floor (Concurrence) (79-0-1)
08/20/18 – Senate Floor (39-0-1)
08/06/18 – Senate Committee on Appropriations (7-0-0)
06/27/18 – Senate Health (9-0-0)
06/18/18 – Senate Business Professions and Economic Development (9-0-0)
05/25/18 – Assembly Floor (70-0-8)
05/16/18 – Assembly Committee on Appropriations (17-0-0)

Action Requested:

No Action is required at this time. This is for informational purposes only.