

# **Legislative Summary Report**



## **2023 Legislative Year**

**2023 Legislation Affecting the  
Department of State Hospitals**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of legislation affecting the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) in 2023.

During the first year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session, 3,030 measures were introduced. DSH's Office of Legislation monitored or tracked almost 200 bills introduced in 2023 affecting issues related to DSH's jurisdiction or expertise and provided final recommendations on ten bills that reached the Governor's desk.

DSH manages the nation's largest inpatient forensic mental health hospital system. Its mission is to provide evaluation and treatment in a safe and responsible manner, by leading innovation and excellence across a continuum of care and settings.

DSH is responsible for the daily care of over 7,000 patients. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, DSH served over 13,000 patients, with 9,140 across the state hospitals, 1,912 in jail-based competency treatment (JBCT) programs, 207 in Community Inpatient Facilities (CIF), 620 in community based restoration (CBR) contracted programs, and 912 in conditional release (CONREP) programs. Additionally, during FY 2022-23, through Early Access Stabilization (EASS) and Re-Evaluation services, DSH initiated services for 1,427 patients in EASS, and off ramped 546 through DSH's Re-Evaluation program. Lastly, during FY 2022-23, 477 individuals were diverted into county programs funded by DSH.

The following pages provide a summary of legislation that was introduced or enacted in the 2023 legislative year and analyzed or tracked by the DSH Office of Legislation. For more information about the legislation summarized in this report, please click the bill title or contact the Office of Legislation at [Legislation@dsh.ca.gov](mailto:Legislation@dsh.ca.gov) or (916) 654-2316.

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## ACRONYMS COMMONLY USED

AB	Assembly Bill
ACR	Assembly Concurrent Resolution
CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
CONREP	Conditional Release Program
DDS	Department of Developmental Services
DSH	Department of State Hospitals
DSH-Atascadero	Atascadero State Hospital
DSH-Coalinga	Coalinga State Hospital
DSH-Metropolitan	Metropolitan State Hospital
DSH-Napa	Napa State Hospital
DSH-Patton	Patton State Hospital
FY	Fiscal Year
IST	Incompetent to Stand Trial
JBCT	Jail-Based Competency Treatment Program
LPS	Lanterman-Petris-Short Act
OMD	Offender with a Mental Health Disorder
NGI	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
OPS	Office of Protective Services
SB	Senate Bill
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
SVP	Sexually Violent Predator

## ENACTED PRIORITY LEGISLATION

*This section includes bills directly impacting DSH that were signed into law by the Governor. All bills take effect January 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.*

### [AB 118 \(Committee on Budget, Chapter 42, Statutes of 2023\) Budget Act of 2023: health](#)

Budget trailer bill that implements various provisions included in the 2023 Budget Act, affecting the budgets of the California Health and Human Services Agency, Covered California, and the Departments of Health Care Access and Information, Health Care Services, Managed Health Care, Public Health, and DSH. As it applies to DSH, the bill allows the department to access Criminal Offender Record Information for purposes of IST solutions and other mental health policy research and program evaluations, and re-adds statutory provisions relating to defendants with mental health disorders that were inadvertently deleted by a budget bill.

**Effective Date:** July 10, 2023

### [AB 121 \(Committee on Budget, Chapter 44, Statutes of 2023\) Developmental services](#)

Provides for statutory changes necessary to enact developmental services related provisions of the Budget Act of 2023, including finalizing the process of transitioning the administration and oversight of federal education grants in DSH facilities from Department of Developmental Services (DDS), allowing DSH to receive all state and federal education funding directly, rather than passing through DDS.

**Effective Date:** July 10, 2023

### [AB 349 \(Ramos, Chapter 325, Statutes of 2023\) Patton State Hospital: lease: housing and mental health services for homeless individuals](#)

Allows the Department of General Services (DGS), with the consent of DSH, to lease a building at DSH-Patton to a nonprofit corporation or local governments for the purposes of providing housing to homeless individuals and providing mental health services to those individuals or providing services to elderly persons.

### [AB 1163 \(Rivas, Luz, Chapter 832, Statutes of 2023\) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act](#)

Expands the data collection requirements in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Disparities Reduction Act, to additionally apply to DSH, the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD).

### [AB 1392 \(Rodriguez, Chapter 840, Statutes of 2023\) Hospitals: procurement contracts](#)

Requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to require hospitals, including DSH, to annually submit a plan for increasing procurement from minority, women, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT), and

disabled veteran business enterprises. In addition to existing reporting requirements, the bill requires the plan to include short- and long-term goals and timetables, but not quotas, for increasing procurement from those business enterprises.

[SB 416 \(Laird, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2023\) State agencies: building and renovation projects: LEED certification](#)

With certain exceptions, requires all new building and major renovation projects larger than 10,000 gross square feet undertaken by state agencies, initiated after January 1, 2024, to obtain the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold or higher certification and to qualify for at least the minimum points achievable for rainwater management. This bill allows departments to instead meet LEED Silver certification if a finding is made that achieving LEED Gold certification conflicts with critical operational or security requirements, can be demonstrated to be cost ineffective, or conflicts with requirements in the California Building Code.

[SB 623 \(Laird, Chapter 621, Statutes of 2023\) Workers' compensation: post-traumatic stress disorder](#)

Expands a presumption that post-traumatic stress injuries (PTSI) which develop or manifest on or after January 1, 2024 are employment related under the workers' compensation system when the injured person is in service as an active firefighting member of DSH, DDS, the Military Department, the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), and other specified peace officers, including DSH peace officers, public safety dispatchers, public safety telecommunicators, and emergency response communication employees, as defined, including DSH communications operators. This bill sunsets on January 1, 2032.

## ADDITIONAL ENACTED LEGISLATION

*This section includes bills relating to mental health, public safety, licensing, law enforcement and other general government issues that were signed into law by the Governor and may impact DSH. These bills may require DSH compliance with their provisions. All bills take effect January 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Bills are organized by subject matter.*

### **Commitments and Court Proceedings**

#### [AB 268 \(Weber, Chapter 298, Statutes of 2023\) Board of State and Community Corrections](#)

Requires the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to develop standards for mental health care in local correctional facilities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

#### [AB 353 \(Jones-Sawyer, Chapter 429, Statutes of 2023\) Incarcerated persons: access to showers](#)

Requires that each individual incarcerated in a state prison be permitted to shower at least every other day and requires that denials for shower requests be approved by the facility manager as well as documented with the reason the request was denied.

#### [AB 1253 \(Maienschein, Chapter 363, Statutes of 2023\) Hearsay: exceptions](#)

Allows hearsay statements from a victim, eyewitness, or medical examiner in a sexually violent predator (SVP) probable cause hearing.

#### [AB 1261 \(Santiago, Chapter 679, Statutes of 2023\) Crime: witnesses and informants](#)

Codifies the procedures for a noncitizen qualified criminal informant to obtain certification from a certifying entity for purposes of obtaining an S-Visa.

#### [AB 1412 \(Hart, Chapter 687, Statutes of 2023\) Pretrial diversion: borderline personality disorder](#)

Removes borderline personality disorder (BPD) from the mental disorders excluding a defendant from eligibility for pretrial mental health diversion.

#### [SB 35 \(Umberg, Chapter 283, Statutes of 2023\) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment \(CARE\) Court Program](#)

Modifies the Community, Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, which requires certain counties to implement the CARE Court Program beginning October 1, 2023.

#### [SB 43 \(Eggman, Chapter 637, Statutes of 2023\) Behavioral health](#)

Expands the definition under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS Act) of "gravely disabled," for purposes of involuntarily detaining an individual, to also include a



condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder or a substance use disorder (SUD), or both, is at substantial risk of serious harm, as defined, or is currently experiencing serious harm to their physical or mental health.

[SB 97 \(Wiener, Chapter 381, Statutes of 2023\) Criminal procedure: writ of habeas corpus](#)

Authorizes broader bases for the prosecution of a writ of habeas corpus when new evidence is discovered after trial, creates a presumption in favor of granting relief if the prosecution stipulates to a factual or legal basis for the relief, and provides for continuity of counsel on retrial.

[SB 133 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 34, Statutes of 2023\) Courts](#)

Provides for statutory changes necessary to enact Courts related provisions of the Budget Act of 2023, including sections referencing DSH associated with the continued use of remote technology under specified circumstances.

**Effective Date:** June 30, 2023

[SB 309 \(Cortese, Chapter 388, Statutes of 2023\) Correctional facilities: religious accommodations](#)

Affords the right to a religious accommodation with respect to grooming, religious clothing, and headwear for incarcerated persons.

[SB 652 \(Umberg, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2023\) Evidence: expert testimony](#)

Provides that where the party bearing the burden of proof proffers expert testimony regarding medical causation and where that party's expert is required as a condition of testifying to opine that causation exists to a reasonable medical probability, the party not bearing the burden of proof may offer a contrary expert only if its expert is able to opine that the proffered alternative cause or causes each exists to a reasonable medical probability, except as provided.

[SB 717 \(Stern, Chapter 883, Statutes of 2023\) County mental health services](#)

Requires an individual who has a misdemeanor charge or charges that are dismissed by the court, who is found IST, and who is not receiving court directed services to be notified by the court of their need for mental health services, as evidenced by having been found IST. Requires a county behavioral health department to make these individuals a top priority for engagement of mental health services.

[SB 749 \(Smallwood-Cuevas, Chapter 633, Statutes of 2023\) Criminal procedure: sentencing](#)

Removes the deadline to file petitions for relief for persons seeking reduction of prior felony convictions to misdemeanors as authorized by Proposition 47.

## **Employment**

### **[SB 152 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 198, Statutes of 2023\) Background checks and fingerprinting: state employment, licensing, and contracting](#)**

General government budget trailer bill that implements the Budget Act of 2023 and includes technical changes to implement federal criminal history background check provisions for state employees and license applicants.

**Effective Date:** September 13, 2023

### **[SB 428 \(Blakespear, Chapter 286, Statutes of 2023\) Temporary restraining orders and protective orders: employee harassment](#)**

Expands the circumstances under which an employer or collective bargaining representative of an employee may seek a civil restraining order on behalf of their employees to include circumstances in which the employee has suffered harassment.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2025

### **[SB 461 \(Wahab, Chapter 398, Statutes of 2023\) Days and hours of work: religious or cultural observance](#)**

Authorizes a state employee to choose to receive eight hours of holiday credit specifically for observance of a holiday or ceremony of the state employee's religion, culture, or heritage in lieu of receiving eight hours of personal holiday credit.

### **[SB 497 \(Smallwood-Cuevas, Chapter 612, Statutes of 2023\) Protected employee conduct](#)**

Establishes a rebuttable presumption in favor of an employee's retaliation claim if an employer engages in any disciplinary behavior, as specified, within 90 days of an employee engaging in specified protected activity and directs recovery of civil penalties for a violation of whistleblower protections to the affected employee.

### **[SB 510 \(Laird, Chapter 74, Statutes of 2023\) State civil service: probationary periods](#)**

Clarifies that a state employee's probationary period commences on the first day the employee reports to work or begins performing the job duties instead of six months from the employee's appointment date.

### **[SB 525 \(Durazo, Chapter 890, Statutes of 2023\) Minimum wages: health care workers](#)**

Establishes a health care employee minimum wage with various phase-in schedules based upon a classification system using factors such as health care facility size, type of facility, and the governmental pay or mix percentage, as described. Provides a process for a specified hospital to appeal exclusion from certain classifications and a waiver process for a clinic to obtain a temporary pause or alternative phase-in schedule. DSH is specifically exempted.

[SB 553 \(Cortese, Chapter 289, Statutes of 2023\) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan](#)

Requires employers to establish, implement and maintain an effective workplace violence prevention plan (WVPP) that includes, among other elements, requirements to maintain incident logs, provide specified trainings, and conduct periodic reviews of the plan. This bill also authorizes a collective bargaining representative of an employee who has suffered unlawful violence from any individual, to seek a temporary restraining order (TRO) and an order after hearing on behalf of the employee(s) at the workplace.

[SB 700 \(Bradford, Chapter 408, Statutes of 2023\) Employment discrimination: cannabis use](#)

Provides that it is unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) for an employer to request information from an applicant for employment relating to the applicant's prior use of cannabis unless the employer is permitted to consider or inquire about that information under the Fair Chance Act or other state or federal law.

[SB 848 \(Rubio, Chapter 724, Statutes of 2023\) Employment: leave for reproductive loss](#)

Requires employers, of five or more employees, to provide eligible employees with up to five days of reproductive loss leave following a reproductive loss event defined as a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth or an unsuccessful assisted reproduction.

## **Hospitals and Clinical Staff**

[AB 48 \(Aguilar-Curry, Chapter 794, Statutes of 2023\) Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2023](#)

Created the Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2023 which requires a prescriber, prior to prescribing a psychotherapeutic drug for a resident of a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or intermediate care facility (ICF) to personally examine and obtain the informed written consent of the resident or the resident's representative, and requires specified information to be disclosed when obtaining informed written consent. DSH is exempted from the bill.

[AB 254 \(Bauer-Kahan, Chapter 254, Statutes of 2023\) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act: reproductive or sexual health application information](#)

Includes "reproductive or sexual health application information" in the definition of "medical information" and the businesses that offer reproductive or sexual health digital services to consumers in the definition of a provider of health care for purposes of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA).

[AB 282 \(Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 425, Statutes of 2023\) Psychologists: licensure](#)

Authorizes an applicant for licensure as a psychologist to take all examinations required for licensure when they have completed academic coursework required for a doctoral degree, as specified.

[AB 979 \(Alvarez, Chapter 821, Statutes of 2023\) Long-term care: family councils](#)

Expands upon and strengthens provisions of law governing the rights and operations of family councils at nursing homes, as well as those governing family councils at residential care facilities for the elderly, by, among other provisions, conforming the two sets of laws so they are more closely aligned with each other and with federal law, permitting family councils to be allowed to meet virtually or at an offsite location, and requiring written responses to requests or concerns raised by the family councils to have detailed rationales for any action or inaction taken in response to those requests or concerns.

[AB 1309 \(Reyes, Chapter 835, Statutes of 2023\) Long-term health care facilities: admission contracts](#)

Requires nursing homes, within 48 hours of giving a required written notice of an involuntary transfer or discharge, to provide the resident with a copy of certain discharge related documents, including a description of specific needs that cannot be met and the facility's attempts to meet those needs when the basis of the transfer or discharge is because the resident's needs cannot be met in the facility.

[AB 1557 \(Flora, Chapter 141, Statutes of 2023\) Pharmacy: electronic prescriptions](#)

Authorizes a pharmacist located and licensed in the state to, on behalf of a licensed hospital, from a location outside of the hospital, verify medication chart orders for appropriateness, as specified, and makes other technical changes.

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2023

[AB 1707 \(Pacheco, Chapter 258, Statutes of 2023\) Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state's law](#)

Protects licensed health care professionals, clinics, and health facilities from being denied a license or subjected to discipline on the basis of a civil judgment, criminal conviction, or disciplinary action imposed by another state based solely on the application of a law that interferes with a person's right to receive sensitive services that would be lawful in California.

[SB 815 \(Roth, Chapter 294, Statutes of 2023\) Healing arts](#)

Extends the sunset date for the Medical Board of California (MBC) until January 1, 2028, and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the MBC's sunset review oversight process.

[SB 816 \(Roth, Chapter 723, Statutes of 2023\) Professions and vocations](#)

Raises several types of licensing fees imposed by the Board of Psychology, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Accountancy, and the Landscape Architects Technical

Committee; makes clarifying changes pertaining to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) and Veterinary Medical Board (VMB); and makes numerous technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms raised during the California Council for Interior Design Certification's (CCIDC) sunset review in 2022.

## **Law Enforcement**

### **[AB 443 \(Jackson, Chapter 439, Statutes of 2023\) Peace officers: determination of bias](#)**

Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to establish a definition of biased conduct and to develop guidance for law enforcement agencies when screening applicant social media accounts for bias.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2026

### **[AB 449 \(Ting, Chapter 524, Statutes of 2023\) Hate crimes: law enforcement policies](#)**

Requires state or local law enforcement agencies to adopt a hate crime policy by July 1, 2024, and to report that policy to the Department of Justice, as provided. This bill also requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to update its model hate crimes policy framework.

### **[AB 455 \(Quirk-Silva, Chapter 236, Statutes of 2023\) Firearms: prohibited persons](#)**

Prohibits individuals in pretrial mental health diversion for a felony or specified misdemeanor charge from owning a firearm until they successfully complete diversion.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

### **[AB 751 \(Schiavo, Chapter 18, Statutes of 2023\) Elder abuse](#)**

Clarifies that a law enforcement agency that adopts or revises, or, since April 13, 2021, has adopted or revised a policy regarding elder and dependent adult abuse, must also make revisions that include changes to distinct but similar policies, protocols and trainings regarding elder abuse.

### **[SB 2 \(Portantino, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2023\) Firearms](#)**

Removes the 'good cause' requirement for concealed carry weapons licenses (CCW licenses) and creates a new issuing process for CCW licenses following the United States (U.S.) Supreme Court ruling in *New York Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen* 142 S.Ct. 2111.

## **Operations**

### **[AB 70 \(Rodriguez, Chapter 515, Statutes of 2023\) Emergency response: trauma kits](#)**

Applies the requirement for the placement of trauma kits in specified buildings to certain structures constructed prior to January 1, 2023, upon a modification, renovation, or tenant improvement. Specified health facilities, including DSH, are exempt.

### **[AB 334 \(Rubio, Blanca, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2023\) Public contracts: conflicts of interest](#)**

Clarifies the circumstances under which a public entity that employed an independent contractor for one phase of a project may contract with that same contractor for a subsequent phase of the same project without violating a state law prohibiting conflicts of interests in public contracts.

### **[AB 424 \(Bryan, Chapter 522, Statutes of 2024\) Neurodegenerative disease registry](#)**

Requires the California Department of Public Health (DPH), under the California Neurodegenerative Disease Registry Program, to collect information on the incidence and prevalence of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease).

### **[AB 1759 \(Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review, Chapter 145, Statutes of 2023\) State archives](#)**

Requires state agencies to notify the Secretary of State (SOS) when records are digitized, regardless of whether this is accomplished by a third party vendor. Additionally, the bill requires the Records Management Coordinator (RMC) of a state agency to notify the SOS when a record is lost or destroyed.

### **[SB 240 \(Ochoa Bogh, Chapter 775, Statutes of 2023\) Surplus state real property: affordable housing and housing for formerly incarcerated individuals](#)**

Adds housing for formerly incarcerated individuals as a priority in the disposal of state surplus land and provides that these projects are a use by-right.

### **[SB 259 \(Seyarto, Chapter 148, Statutes of 2023\) Reports submitted to legislative committees](#)**

Requires a state agency to post on its internet website any report required or requested by law, or identified in the Legislative Analyst Office's (LAO's) Supplemental Report of the Budget Act, and requires Legislative Counsel to make available to the public a link to the list of state and local agency reports submitted by state and local agencies to a committee of the Legislature or to the Members of either house of the Legislature generally, as specified.

[SB 747 \(Caballero, Chapter 786, Statutes of 2023\) Land use: surplus land](#)

Makes numerous changes to the Surplus Lands Act (SLA), including modifying SLA procedures, defining disposals of surplus land to include leases of longer than 15 years, altering the definition of exempt surplus land, and other changes.

[SB 790 \(Padilla, Chapter 77, Statutes of 2023\) Public records: contracts for goods and services](#)

Specifies that any executed contract for the purchase of goods or services by a state or local agency, including the price and terms of payment, is a public record subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Acts (CPRA), and that any written agreement that purports to exclude such a contract from disclosure by agreeing to consider it a confidential or proprietary record of the vendor is void and unenforceable as a matter of law. This bill provides that it does not require disclosure of a record that is otherwise exempt from disclosure or prohibited from disclosure pursuant to federal or state law.

**Miscellaneous**

[AB 248 \(Mathis, Chapter 797, Statutes of 2023\) Individuals with disabilities: The Dignity for All Act](#)

Strikes the terms "handicapped" "mentally retarded persons", "mentally retarded children", and "retardation" and instead uses the terms individuals with intellectual, developmental disabilities impaired, or disability throughout Health and Safety code and Welfare and Institutions code.

[AB 1754 \(Committee on Judiciary, Chapter 131, Statutes of 2023\) Maintenance of the codes](#)

Annual maintenance of the codes bill, which includes several sections that impact DSH.

[SB 883 \(Committee on Public Safety, Chapter 311, Statutes of 2023\) Public Safety Omnibus](#)

Makes technical and non-controversial changes to various code sections relating generally to criminal justice laws, including those referencing DSH.

## VETOED LEGISLATION

*This section includes bills relating to mental health, public safety, and other general government issues that would have impacted DSH but were vetoed by the Governor.*

### [AB 469 \(Fong, Vince\) California Public Records Act Ombudsperson](#)

Would have established in state government until January 1, 2027, subject to appropriation, the position of the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson, appointed by the Governor, to review a state agency's denial of a request for records under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

### [AB 504 \(Reyes\) State and local public employees: labor relations: strikes](#)

Would have prohibited public employers from disciplining or taking other adverse action against public employees, except firefighters and specified peace officers, for refusing to enter property of, or perform work for, a public employer involved in a primary strike, or for refusing to cross a primary strike line.

### [AB 575 \(Papan\) Paid family leave](#)

Would have expanded eligibility for the Paid Family Leave (PFL) program to provide benefits to workers who take time off work to bond with a minor child within one year of assuming responsibilities of a child in loco parentis, as defined. Additionally, this bill would have deleted the restriction in law specifying that an individual is not eligible for PFL benefits if another family member is ready, willing, and able, and available to provide the required care, and the authorization for an employer to require an employee to take two weeks of vacation leave before accessing PFL benefits that are funded by employees.

### [AB 782 \(McKinnor\) Pharmacies: compounding](#)

Would have exempted the addition of flavoring agents to a drug from the state's requirement that such actions comply with pharmacy compounding standards under the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP).

### [AB 962 \(Fong, Vince\) Identification cards](#)

Would have required, beginning January 1, 2027, the fees for identification (ID) cards to be lowered by \$2 for persons who meet certain income requirements, eligible inmates upon release from a federal correctional facility, county jail facility, or state correctional facility, and for eligible patients treated in a hospital operated by DSH.

### [AB 1145 \(Maienschein\) Workers' compensation](#)

Would have extended a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) workers' compensation presumption, which develops or manifests on or after January 1, 2024, to specified state department nurses, psychiatric technicians, and various medical and social services specialists employed by the California Department of Corrections (CDCR), DDS, and DSH.



[AB 1213 \(Ortega\) Workers' compensation: aggregate disability payments](#)

Would have extended, until January 1, 2027, the duration of temporary disability (TD) payments in the event an injured worker prevails at independent medical review (IMR).

[SB 373 \(Menjivar\) Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology, and Veterinary Medical Board: licensees' and registrants' addresses](#)

Would have prohibited the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), the Board of Psychology (BOP), and the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) from disclosing the full address of record of the licensee on the internet and instead requires those boards to disclose the licensee or registrant's city, state, and zip code.

[SB 582 \(Becker\) Health information](#)

Would have required the California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Data Exchange Framework stakeholder advisory group to consider whether standards for including electronic health record (EHR) vendors in the data exchange framework would be appropriate and, if determined appropriate, develop those standards. This bill would have required, if standards are developed, EHR vendors to execute the data exchange framework data sharing agreement no later than 12 months after the completion of the standards and in alignment with existing federal standards and policies.

[SB 716 \(Alvarado-Gil\) Excluded employees: binding arbitration](#)

Would have enacted the Excluded Employee Arbitration Act to permit an employee organization that represents an excluded employee who has filed certain grievances with the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to request arbitration of the grievance if specific conditions are met. Arbitrators are chosen using the striking method and the excluded employees shall not bear the cost of the arbitration.

[SB 731 \(Ashby\) Employment discrimination: unlawful practices: work from home: disability](#)

Would have required an employer to provide an employee who is working from home with at least 30 calendar days' advance notice, by mail or email, before requiring that employee to return to work in person. The notice provided by the employer would have also been required to include specified text informing employees of their right to request a reasonable accommodation for a disability.

## **TWO-YEAR LEGISLATION**

### **Tracked by the Department of State Hospitals**

*This section includes bills currently being tracked by DSH that are still eligible for consideration in 2024 as two-year legislation. The bills are sorted into two groups – Cleared House of Origin and Has Not Cleared House of Origin. Bills that have cleared their house of origin have until August 31, 2024 to pass the Legislature. Bills that have not cleared their house of origin, must pass their house of origin by January 31, 2024 to continue moving forward in the Legislative process.*

#### **Cleared House of Origin**

##### [AB 38 \(Lee\) Light pollution control](#)

Requires a state agency to ensure newly installed outdoor lighting fixtures on state-owned, -leased, or -managed structures meet specified requirements with the goal of minimizing energy use and light pollution and preserving the natural night environment.

##### [AB 280 \(Holden\) Segregated confinement](#)

Limits the use of segregated confinement and requires facilities in the state in which individuals are subject to confinement or involuntary detention to follow specified procedures related to segregated confinement.

##### [AB 437 \(Jackson\) State government: equity](#)

Requires state agencies and departments, in carrying out their duties, to consider the use of more inclusive practices to advance equity, as specified.

##### [AB 459 \(Kalra\) Contracts against public policy: personal or professional services: digital replicas](#)

Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) to establish, by July 1, 2026, the California Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review to facilitate an accountability system that fosters continuous quality improvement in county and commercial behavioral health services and in the collection and dissemination of best practices in service delivery by CalHHS.

##### [AB 518 \(Wicks\) Paid family leave: eligibility: care for designated persons](#)

Expands eligibility for benefits under the Paid Family Leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. This bill defines “designated person” to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

##### [AB 696 \(Lowenthal\) State agency grants and contracts](#)

Establishes the California State Grants and Contracts Modernization Act which requires a state agency that administers a grant or enters into contracts with eligible entities to provide for and accept electronic signatures and offer electronic payment options, as specified.

[AB 749 \(Irwin\) State agencies: information security: uniform standards](#)

Requires state agencies to implement a “Zero Trust” cybersecurity architecture, as specified, which includes multifactor authentication, enterprise endpoint detection and response solutions, and robust logging practices, as specified.

[AB 775 \(Arambula\) Personal services contracts: state employees: physician registry for state hospitals](#)

Would, upon an appropriation, amend existing law authorizing state agencies to use personal services contracts under specified circumstances to require DSH to establish a physician registry for Patton State Hospital under a three-year pilot program.

[AB 958 \(Santiago\) Prisons: visitation](#)

Would establish the civil right to personal visits for each person serving a sentence in state prison or county jail for a realigned felony, except as specified, and limit the reasons for which the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) can deny an in-person contact visit.

[AB 1028 \(McKinnor\) Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters](#)

Would limit the duty of a health care practitioner to report assaultive or abusive conduct to law enforcement to instances where the practitioner suspects that the wound or injury is inflicted by the person’s own act or caused by a firearm, and instead would require the provider to refer the patient to supportive services.

[AB 1137 \(Jones-Sawyer\) Excluded employees](#)

Requires, as applied to state excluded employees, written notice regarding merit salary adjustments (MSAs), specified compensation and holiday credit if the employee is eligible for overtime under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), or if ineligible, specified holiday credit and informal time off.

[AB 1214 \(Maienschein\) Courts: remote technology](#)

Allows defendants to appear by remote technology for certain criminal proceedings that do not involve the presentation of testimonial evidence and provides procedural and technological guidelines for the use of remote technology. Specifies this does not authorize the use of remote technology in court or jury trials.

[AB 1254 \(Flora\) State employees: compensation: firefighters](#)

Would use a formula that would pay the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Bargaining Unit (BU) 8 members within 15 percent of the average of the salary for corresponding ranks in 20 specified local fire departments instead of determining state firefighters’ pay through collective bargaining under the Dills Act as required by current law. Additionally, the bill would require the state and BU 8 to jointly survey annually and calculate the estimated average salaries of the 20 departments.

[AB 1331 \(Wood\) California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework](#)

Would move the responsibility of the California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework to the Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII) and make other changes to the data exchange framework.

[AB 1359 \(Schiavo\) Paid sick days: health care employees](#)

Entitles an employee of a covered health care facility, as defined, to health care worker sick leave of four unpaid sick leave days a year in addition to their existing paid sick day's entitlement. This bill allows for this sick leave to carry over to subsequent years, as specified; prohibits a covered health care facility from limiting an employee's use of the leave; and authorizes an employee of a covered health care facility to bring a civil action against an employer that violates these provisions and entitles the employee to collect specified legal and equitable relief to remedy the violation.

[AB 1486 \(Jones-Sawyer\) Law enforcement and state agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use](#)

Clarifies that an assault weapon is not a "standard issue service weapon," for the purpose of local acquisitions of military equipment, and clarifies that any vote by a local governing body to approve funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment must occur at least 30 days after the law enforcement agency requesting the equipment has held a community engagement meeting pursuant to existing law.

[AB 1584 \(Weber\) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial](#)

Would make a number of changes to the existing mental competency system for criminal defendants, including requiring a court to determine whether restoring a felony defendant to competency is in the interests of justice when the defendant has been deemed incompetent to stand trial.

[AB 1712 \(Irwin\) Personal information: data breaches](#)

Adds information regarding the internet websites of the major credit reporting agencies, and the Federal Trade Commission's main website for identity theft victims, to the notice required to be given, under the Data Breach Notification Law, to individuals whose social security number or driver's license or California identification card number is exposed in a data breach at a state or local government agency. Permits these agencies to also inform these individuals about how to place a credit or security freeze by visiting the major credit reporting agencies' websites.

[SB 21 \(Umberg\) Civil actions: remote proceedings](#)

Extends the sunset on the statutory authorization for remote appearances in specified civil court proceedings and requires the Judicial Council of California to annually report to the Legislature about the use of remote technology in the courts.

[SB 22 \(Umberg\) Courts: remote proceedings](#)

Extends the right of a party to appear remotely and a court to conduct specified conferences, hearings and proceedings in specified juvenile and commitment cases until January 1, 2026.

[SB 45 \(Roth\) California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund](#)

Establishes the California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund (loan fund) to be used by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) to provide loans to qualifying county or city and county applicants to build or renovate acute care psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric health facilities, or to build, renovate, or expand psychiatric units in general acute care hospitals.

[SB 74 \(Dodd\) State entities: state-owned or state-issued devices: social media platforms](#)

Establishes a rebuttable presumption that some executive branch state agencies shall prohibit use of certain social media platforms (defined to include TikTok) on state electronic devices but also allows an agency to overcome the presumption and use TikTok on state devices with a written finding that using the platform is necessary for an official state purpose and other requirements.

[SB 94 \(Cortese\) Recall and resentencing: special circumstances](#)

Creates a process for a person who has been sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole (LWOP) before June 5, 1990, and has served at least 25 years in custody, to seek a recall of their sentence and be resentenced to a lesser sentence.

[SB 99 \(Umberg\) Courts: remote proceedings for criminal cases](#)

Extends the sunset to provisions relating to remote proceedings in criminal cases.

[SB 227 \(Durazo\) Unemployment: Excluded Workers Program](#)

Establishes, until January 1, 2027, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Excluded Workers Program (EWP) administered by the Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide income assistance to workers ineligible for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.

[SB 246 \(Ochoa Bogh\) California Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Adds a representative from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH).

[SB 349 \(Roth\) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial](#)

Provides that a doubt as to a person's competency in one case shall be presumed to exist in all felony cases pending against the defendant within that county and that a certificate of restoration for a defendant who was found incompetent to stand trial shall be presumed to apply to all felony cases pending against the defendant at the time of restoration.

[SB 363 \(Eggman\) Facilities for inpatient and residential mental health and substance use disorder: database](#)

Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in consultation with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Department of Social Services (DSS) and specified stakeholders, to develop a real-time, internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in specified facilities to identify the availability of inpatient and residential mental health (MH) or substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.

[SB 377 \(Skinner\) Firearms](#)

Narrows law enforcement exemptions to firearm purchase restrictions and requires certain law enforcement agencies to maintain records related to unsafe handguns.

[SB 400 \(Wahab\) Peace officers: confidentiality of records](#)

Clarifies that law enforcement agencies that formerly employed a peace officer are not prohibited from disclosing the termination for cause of that officer, as specified.

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[AB 15 \(Dixon\) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits](#)

States that California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) records pertaining to an inmates release date and what an inmate did to earn release credits are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

[AB 21 \(Gipson\) Peace officers: training](#)

Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to revise its training for field-training officers (FTOs) on interacting with persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities to include instruction on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

[AB 222 \(Arambula\) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup](#)

Creates a workgroup convened by the Civil Rights Department to make recommendations to the Legislature about disability accessibility and antidiscrimination laws related to workforce and employment. The bill requires the workgroup to study existing labor laws, workplace and employment policies and procedures, available data, and input from stakeholders, and requires the workgroup to report its recommendations to the Legislature.

[AB 227 \(Sanchez\) State employment: social media platforms](#)

Would prohibit a person from installing an application for a social media platform on a state-owned or state-issued electronic device if specified conditions are met, including that the social media company that owns the application is domiciled in, has its principal place of business in, has its headquarters in, or is organized under

the laws of, a country of concern. The bill would also prohibit a person from installing an application for a social media platform owned or controlled by specified companies from being installed on a state-owned or state-issued electronic device.

[AB 284 \(Patterson, Joe\) Department of Housing and Community Development: annual report: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program](#)

Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs administered by the department. Existing law requires that the report include, among other things, the number of units assisted by those programs and the number of individuals and households served and their income level.

[AB 327 \(Jones-Sawyer\) Criminal justice: crime statistics](#)

Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to complete the transition of all California's crime data so it is aligned with the federal National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This bill also requires local law enforcement and other agencies dealing with criminal offenses to maintain and report to the DOJ crime statistics in a format aligned with NIBRS.

[AB 330 \(Dixon\) Domestic violence: victim's information card](#)

Revises the written notice law enforcement officers furnish to victims at the scene of a domestic violence incident.

[AB 390 \(Haney\) Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training: assessment of training requirements](#)

Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to partner with academic researchers to conduct an assessment of existing officer training and report to the Legislature about its findings. This bill also requires that POST provide updates to the Legislature regarding its work on peace officer training requirements.

[AB 512 \(Waldron\) Mental health and substance use disorders: database of facilities](#)

Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), either on its own or through the Behavioral Health Task Force, to create an ad hoc committee (committee) to study how to develop a real-time, internet-based database to display information about available treatment beds in facilities for the treatment of individuals in mental health or substance use disorder crisis. This bill also requires the committee to submit a report of its findings to the Legislature.

[AB 532 \(Lackey\) Emergency medical services](#)

Spot bill.<sup>1</sup>

[AB 549 \(Wilson\) Gender discrimination](#)

Requires each state agency to, in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, conduct an evaluation of its own programs and policies to determine whether they discriminate against women, including through the allocation of funding and delivery of services.

[AB 597 \(Rodriguez\) Workers' compensation: first responders: post-traumatic stress](#)

Would extend a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) workers' compensation presumption, which develops or manifests on or after January 1, 2024, to emergency medical technicians and paramedics, as defined.

[AB 669 \(Dixon\) Administrative regulations](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 686 \(Alanis\) Peace officer training: testing](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 726 \(Patterson, Joe\) Information Practices Act of 1977: definitions](#)

Would expand the term "agency" to include any vendor or contractor of that agency.

[AB 730 \(Lowenthal\) California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements: personnel and medical information](#)

Would require an agency to promptly provide a public agency employee with written notice of a request to disclose a record related to personnel, medical, or similar information of that employee, as specified. The bill would also require the agency, before disclosing or making those records available, to provide not less than 21 days' written notice to the employee of its intent to disclose or make the records available. The bill would further expand the definition of "unusual circumstances" to include the need to provide those advance written notices. By placing new requirements on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[AB 763 \(Davies\) Sexually violent predators: conditional release: placement location](#)

Prohibits the placement of an SVP released on conditional release within 1/4 mile of a home school.

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<sup>1</sup> A bill that amends a code section in an innocuous way as to be nonsubstantive. The bill has been introduced to assure that a germane vehicle will be available at a later date after the deadline has passed to introduce bills. At that future date, the bill can be amended with more substance included.  
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/glossary.html>



[AB 790 \(Hoover\) Construction contract payments: internet website posting](#)

Would increase the number of days within which a state agency is required to post the information to its internet website from 10 to 15 days.

[AB 850 \(Ting\) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: round 4 funds](#)

Would require all Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention round 4 program funds be expended by July 1, 2027, and would make conforming changes.

[AB 964 \(Ortega\) State contracts: certification process](#)

Requires specified contractors to certify, under penalty of perjury, to a state agency that the contract being entered into complies with specified requirements to combat human trafficking.

[AB 974 \(McKinnor\) Incarcerated persons: certified record of live birth](#)

Requires a local registrar, county recorder, or the State Registrar to issue, without a fee, a certified record of live birth to any person who demonstrates they are currently incarcerated in prison or a county correctional facility. This bill also requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop an affidavit attesting to the incarceration status of a person seeking a birth record, for use by a local registrar, county recorder, and the State Registrar, and authorizes DPH to implement this bill without taking regulatory action.

[AB 1039 \(Rodriguez\) Sexual activity with detained persons](#)

Increases the penalty for specified consensual sexual activity with a confined adult from a misdemeanor to an alternative felony-misdemeanor.

[AB 1077 \(Jackson\) State agencies and counties: antiracism audits](#)

Would require the Controller to perform a comprehensive antiracism audit, as defined, of each state agency and county. The bill would require each state agency and county, within one year following completion of its audit, to establish and implement an action plan, as specified, tailored to the function of the agency or particular activities of the county, to rectify deficiencies in the agencies or county's efforts to identify, interrupt, and dismantle racist practices, policies, and attitudes identified by the antiracism audit.

[AB 1100 \(Low\) Employment: workweek](#)

Would establish the 32-hour Workweek Pilot Program under the administration of the Department of Industrial Relations to provide grants to employers with 5 or more employees for the purposes of administering pilot programs that provide each employee the option to work a 32-hour workweek.

[AB 1107 \(Mathis\) Workers' compensation: presumptive injuries](#)

Would extend a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) workers' compensation presumption, which develops or manifests on or after January 1, 2024, to additional members and employees of the Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation, including members of the Office of Correctional Safety or the Office of Internal Affairs.

[AB 1156 \(Bonta\) Workers' compensation: hospital employees](#)

Would define "injury," for a hospital employee who provides direct patient care in a general acute care hospital or acute psychiatric hospital, to include infectious diseases, COVID-19, cancer, musculoskeletal injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and respiratory diseases. The bill would create rebuttable presumptions that these injuries that develop or manifest in a hospital employee arose out of and in the course of the employment. The bill would extend these presumptions for specified time periods after the hospital employee's termination of employment.

[AB 1177 \(McKinnor\) Parole: hearing records](#)

Requires the Board of Parole Hearings to send a copy of the stenographic transcript of an incarcerated person's parole hearing to the incarcerated person once the transcript is created. This bill also requires the Board to provide a copy of the audio recording of the hearing to the incarcerated person upon request and requires the Board to retain each audio recording for one year after the recording is made.

[AB 1199 \(Rubio, Blanca\) Music therapy](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1223 \(Hoover\) Medi-Cal: audit of PACE organizations](#)

Would require the Department of Health Care Services to perform program audits of Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations and to develop and maintain standards, rules, and auditing protocols. The bill would require the protocol to include data collection procedures and formal decision rules and procedures for enforcement consequences when the requirements of law are not met.

[AB 1225 \(Dixon\) State agencies: audits](#)

Would provide that all state agencies with an aggregate spending of \$50,000,000 or more annually may consider establishing an ongoing audit function and would require a state agency to post any audit findings and recommendations on its internet website within 14 days of reporting audit findings.

[AB 1260 \(Patterson, Joe\) Parole: notice of release date](#)

Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to disclose information about changes to an incarcerated person's sentence resulting credits earned or changes to the good conduct credit to the district attorney and local law enforcement agencies.

[AB 1292 \(Flora\) Nursing: distance education nursing program students](#)

Authorizes a student to render nursing services if the student is a resident of the state and enrolled in a prelicensure distance education nursing program based

out-of-state at a private postsecondary institution, as specified. The bill also requires a student, when rendering nursing services, to be supervised by a registered nurse licensed by the Board of Registered Nursing, among other conditions.

[AB 1316 \(Irwin\) Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions](#)

Would revise the definition of “psychiatric emergency medical condition” to make that definition applicable regardless of whether the patient is voluntary or is involuntarily detained for evaluation and treatment. The bill would make conforming changes to provisions requiring facilities to provide that treatment. The bill would require the Medi-Cal program to cover emergency services and care necessary to treat an emergency medical condition, as defined, including all professional physical, mental, and substance use treatment services

[AB 1454 \(Hart\) Corrections: postrelease community supervision](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1456 \(Patterson, Joe\) Sexually violent predators](#)

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would prohibit a sexually violent predator from being released as a transient or without a fixed permanent address.

[AB 1530 \(Ortega\) Public employment: communication with exclusive representatives](#)

Would make legislative findings and declarations related to an exclusive representative’s right to communicate with public employees that it represents and would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that recognized exclusive representatives of public employees be provided meaningful email access to their represented members, as specified. The bill would require public employers to ensure recognized exclusive representatives have safe or trusted email sender access and would prohibit public employers from using technology to interfere with or prevent email communications between public employees and their recognized representatives, as provided.

[AB 1592 \(Dixon\) Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Would require the Interagency Council on Homelessness to report annually to the Governor, federal Cabinet members, and the Legislature, commencing June 30, 2026, on homelessness and work to reduce homelessness, and would require the report to include the cost per person and distribution of funding within United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Continuum of Care program by city and census-designated area.

[AB 1599 \(Santiago\) State civil service: limited-term appointments](#)

Would authorize limited-term appointments to be made only for temporary staffing needs, not to individually or consecutively exceed 24 months, and would make

conforming changes. The bill would delete the authority to extend limited-term appointments, without making an additional appointment.

[AB 1618 \(Wilson\) Homelessness](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1624 \(Addis\) Mental health: patients' rights programs](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1674 \(Quirk-Silva\) Mental health advocacy](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1676 \(Quirk-Silva\) Mental health: patients' rights programs](#)

Spot bill.

[AB 1728 \(Fong, Vince\) Health and safety](#)

Spot bill.

[ACA 4 \(Bryan\) Elections: eligibility to vote](#)

Repeals a constitutional requirement for the Legislature to provide for the disqualification of electors while serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, subject to the approval of the voters.

[SB 59 \(Skinner\) Menstrual Product Accessibility Act](#)

Requires all women's restrooms, all all-gender restrooms, and at least one men's restroom in all state, specified local government, and specified hospital buildings to be stocked with menstrual products, free of cost at all times.

[SB 63 \(Ochoa Bogh\) Homeless and Mental Health Court and Transitioning Home Grant Programs](#)

Would establish, subject to an appropriation, the Homeless and Mental health Court Grant Program to be administered by the Judicial Council and the Transitioning Home Grant Program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

[SB 65 \(Ochoa Bogh\) Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program](#)

Would permit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in awarding Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grants, to give a preference to qualified entities that are intending to place their projects in specified facilities or properties. The bill would appropriate \$1 billion from the General Fund, for encumbrance during the 2023-24 to 2025-26 fiscal years, to DHCS for the purpose of implementing the BHCIP.

[SB 87 \(Nguyen\) Mental health: involuntary commitment](#)

Would extend the period for which a court or jury trial may be continued at the request of counsel for the proposed Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatee from 15 days to 20 days.

[SB 232 \(Niello\) Mental health services: gravely disabled](#)

Would change the definition of “gravely disabled” for Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act purposes to read, in part, a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed decisions about, or providing for, their own basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, or medical care without significant supervision and assistance from another person and, as a result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous worsening of a concomitant serious physical illness, significant psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of essential needs that could result in bodily harm. The bill would also define “gravely disabled” for purposes of the act to mean a condition in which a person has an incapacity to provide informed consent to treatment due to anosognosia.

[SB 254 \(Skinner\) Correctional facilities: media access](#)

Would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and all county and city jails to permit representatives of the news media to tour a facility or interview prisoners in person and require all CDCR facilities and county jails to allow specified state officials to visit those facilities at any time and meet with incarcerated people upon request.

[SB 288 \(Nguyen\) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits](#)

State that California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) records pertaining to an incarcerated person’s release date and what the person did to earn release credits are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

[SB 289 \(Menjivar\) Identification cards](#)

Would prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from charging a fee for an original or replacement identification card to an applicant who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and can provide the department with a specified veteran verification form.

[SB 513 \(Wiener\) Incarcerated persons: mental health](#)

Would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to conduct regular and consistent mental health therapy for inmates who seek it, and ensure that an inmate is provided an introductory mental health therapy appointment within two weeks of the inmate requesting care.

[SB 524 \(Caballero\) Pharmacists: furnishing prescription medications](#)

Authorizes a pharmacist to furnish medications to treat various diseases and conditions based on the results of a federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

test the pharmacist ordered, performed, or reported and adds these additional pharmacy services to the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, as specified.

[SB 575 \(Wahab\) Employment relations](#)

Spot bill.

[SB 719 \(Becker\) Law enforcement agencies: radio communications](#)

Would require each law enforcement agency, as defined, to ensure that all radio communications, as defined, are accessible to the public in real time by January 1, 2024, with specified exceptions.

[SB 750 \(Archuleta\) Transitional housing](#)

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to utilize land at the Metropolitan State Hospital in the City of Norwalk for transitional housing.

[SB 759 \(Grove\) Hospitals: seismic safety](#)

Would extend the deadline that owners of all acute care inpatient hospitals to either seismically retrofit all acute care inpatient hospitals, or demolish, replace, or change to nonacute care use all hospital buildings not in substantial compliance with regulations and standards developed by the department in accordance with the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 to January 1, 2040, and would make conforming changes related to the deadline extension.

[SB 766 \(Eggman\) Social workers](#)

Prohibits an individual from representing themselves as a “social worker” unless they meet educational requirements from an accredited school of social work, as specified.

[SB 832 \(Jones\) Sexually violent predators](#)

Would prohibit the placement of Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs) within five miles of federal land and to require DSH to take specified actions before placing an SVP in the community and to require DSH, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to report to the Governor and Legislature the status of quarters available for the placement of SVPs.

[SB 876 \(Smallwood-Cuevas\) Employment discrimination](#)

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would protect workers from discrimination in the workplace.