
2019 Selected Signed and Vetoed Bills Affecting Persons with Disabilities

INTRODUCTION

The first year of the 2019-20 legislative session came to an end on October 13, the deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature. In the first year of the 2019-2020 legislative session 2,576 bills were introduced (not including constitutional amendments and resolutions). Over one-half of those bills either died in the legislature or were made two-year bills which are eligible to be considered in 2020. Of those introduced bills 1,042 made it to the Governor's desk. The Governor signed 870 bills and vetoed 172 (16.5%). See, How Often do Governors Say No, California Senate Office of Research, October 2019, for a historical analysis: <https://sor.senate.ca.gov/sites/sor.senate.ca.gov/files/SOR%20report%20governors%20veto%20record%2009.19%20CEQA%20ED.PDF>

Over the course of the 2019 legislative year, the Disability Rights California Legislation Unit formally analyzed or reviewed 422 bills, resolutions and constitutional amendments in 56 subject areas and took either a support or oppose position on 165 of them and monitored the remainder throughout the year. The majority of the bills were in the health, housing, intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health, public safety and voting issue areas. A summary of the subjects and number of bills DRC monitored is also included.

This year, Disability Rights California sponsored or cosponsored thirteen bills. Six of them made it to the Governor's desk. Of the remaining bills, the contents of two of them were included in the 2019-20 Budget Act and

accompanying trailer bills, one died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and five were made two-year bills which are eligible to be considered in the 2020 legislative year. Three of the bills sent to the Governor were signed and three were vetoed. The DRC bills signed or vetoed are included within this summary.

This summary is intended to highlight selected enacted bills affecting persons with disabilities and includes the reasons provided by the Governor for the bills he vetoed.

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Signed Bills:

Abuse/Neglect

AB 328 (Maienschein) – Estates and Trusts: Undue Influence

Subjects to the presumption of fraud or undue influence a gift made to a care custodian who commenced a marriage, cohabitation, or domestic partnership with a transferor who is a dependent adult while providing services to that dependent adult, or within 90 days after those services were last provided to the dependent adult, if the donative transfer occurred less than 6 months after the marriage, cohabitation, or domestic partnership commenced.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB328

Signed 06/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-10

AB 1396 (Obernolte) – Protective Orders: Elder and Dependent Access

Authorizes the court to order a restrained party, if appropriate, to participate in mandatory clinical counseling or anger management courses when the court issues a protective order for abuse involving acts of physical abuse or acts of deprivation by a care custodian of goods or services that are necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1396

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-628

SB 303 (Wieckowski) – Guardians and Conservators

Authorizes a conservator to sell the present or former residence of the conservatee, if the sale provides specified benefits and the guardian or conservator complies with applicable procedures and provides required notice. Authorizes the sale of a conservatee's present or former personal residence only if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the conservator demonstrated a compelling need to sell the residence for the benefit of the conservatee. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB303

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-847

SB 304 (Hill) – Criminal Procedure: Jurisdiction: Elder Abuse Cases

Creates an authority for the prosecution of specified financial elder abuse felony offenses occurring in multiple jurisdictions.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB304

Signed 08/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-206.

SB 314 (Dodd) – Elders and Dependent Adults: Abandonment

Extends specified remedies under the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, to cases in which the defendant is liable for abandonment, as defined, and specified conditions have been met.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB314

Signed 06/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-21

SB 338 (Hueso) – Senior and Disability Victimization: Law Enforcement

Eliminates the duty imposed on long term care ombudsman programs to revise or include in their policy manuals specified information regarding elder and dependent adult abuse. Authorizes local law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding senior and disability victimization that includes specified provisions, including enforcement and training.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB338

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-641

SB 398 (Durazo) – Protection and Advocacy Agency

Makes various changes to the Protection and Advocacy Agency's access to facilities, programs, and records by, among other things, authorizing the Agency to exercise the authority to take certain actions, if the Agency receives a complaint or report of alleged abuse or neglect, or makes a related determination. (DRC sponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB398

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-548

SB 496 (Moorlach) – Financial Abuse of Elder or Dependent Adults

Expands the category of mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse to include a broker-dealer and an investment adviser. Authorizes a broker-dealer or investment adviser who makes a report to notify any trusted

contact person who had previously been designated by the elder or dependent adult of any known or suspected financial abuse.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB496

Signed 09/06/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-272

Accessibility

AB 1100 (Kamlager-Dove) – Electric Vehicles: Parking Requirements

Requires a parking space served by electric vehicle supply equipment and a parking space designated as a future electric vehicle charging space to be counted as a least one standard automobile parking space for the purpose of complying with any applicable minimum parking requirements established by a local jurisdiction. Requires an accessible parking space with an access aisle serviced by electric vehicle supply equipment.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1100

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-819

Alcohol/Drugs

AB 919 (Petrie-Norris) - Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Recovery Treatment Program

Requires the Department of Health Care Services to establish an enforcement program focused on the duties to enforce provisions that prohibit persons working at an alcoholism or drug abuse treatment facility from giving or receiving anything of value for referrals. Requires staff of the enforcement program to provide the Department with analytical support, general oversight and monitoring, and legal guidance regarding those provisions.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB919

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2019. Chapter No. 2019-811

Blindness

AB 947 (Quirk-Silva) - Visually Impaired Pupils: Expanded Core Curriculum

Expresses legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for blind or visually impaired pupils to receive instruction in the expanded core curriculum. Authorizes school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to consider elements of the expanded core curriculum

when developing individualized education programs for a pupil who is blind, has low vision, or is visually impaired. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB947

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-778

CalFresh

AB 942 (Weber) – CalFresh: Restaurant Meals Program

Enacts the Access to Safe Food Choices and Food Security Act. Requires the Department of Social Services, to the extent permitted by federal law and in consultation with various stakeholders, to establish a statewide RMP. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB942

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-814

Civil Law

SB 616 (Wieckowski) – Enforcement of Money Judgements: Exemptions

Relates to a judgment creditor levy. Authorizes a claimant to file a claim of exemption with the levying officer either in person or by mail and would specify that the period for filing the claim is 15 days if the judgment debtor is personally served with a notice of levy on the property claimed to be exempt, and 20 days if the claimant is served with notice by mail. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB616

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-552

Conservatorships

SB 40 (Wiener) – Conservatorships: Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders

Authorizes a court to establish a temporary conservatorship for a person incapable for caring for themselves due to a serious mental illness and substance use disorder. Requires a court or jury trial making a determination regarding the issue of whether a person meets the criteria for appointment of a conservator to make that determination beyond a reasonable doubt. (DRC had an oppose position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB40

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 10/02/2019. Chapter No. 2019-467

Courts/Procedures

AB 9 (Reyes) – Employment Discrimination: Limitation of Actions

Relates to existing law which authorizes a person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unlawful practice to file a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing one year from the date upon which the unlawful practice occurred. Extends this period to 3 years for complaints alleging employment discrimination. Specifies that the operative date of the verified complaint is the date that the intake form was filed with the Labor Commissioner. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB9

Signed 10/10/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-709

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

AB 497 (Santiago) - Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program

Extends the sunset date of the collection of the surcharge applied to a subscriber's intrastate telephone service pursuant to the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB497

Signed 09/12/2019. Eff. 09/12/2019. Chapter No. 2019-287

AB 1514 (Patterson) – Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program

Authorizes a nurse practitioner to certify the needs of an individual who has been diagnosed by a physician and surgeon as being deaf or hard of hearing to participate in the program to provide a telecommunications device capable of serving the needs of individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired after reviewing the medical records or copies of the medical records containing that diagnosis. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1514

Signed 09/12/2019. Eff. 09/12/2019. Chapter No. 2019-291

Disabilities

SB 280 (Jackson) – Building Standards: Fall Prevention

Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to investigate possible changes to the building standards in the California Residential Code for adoption by the California Building Standards Commission to promote aging-in-place design. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB280

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-640

Disaster Relief

AB 477 (Cervantes) – Emergency Preparedness: Vulnerable Populations

Requires a county, or a city and county, to include representatives from the access and functional needs population in the next regular update to its emergency plan. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB477

Signed 09/04/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-218

AB 911 (Rodriguez) – Office of Emergency Services: Emergency Information

Requires the Office of Emergency Services to complete a study, as provided, to determine the feasibility of developing a statewide system that would enable all Californians, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other at-risk persons, to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information, with an encrypted connection, to be made available to all first responders in an emergency if a 911 call is placed. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB911

Signed 10/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-686

SB 160 (Jackson) – Emergency Services: Cultural Competence

Requires a county to integrate cultural competence into its emergency plan upon the next update to its emergency plan. Requires a county to provide a forum for community engagement in geographically diverse locations in

order to engage with culturally diverse communities. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB160

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-402

Discrimination

AB 241 (Kamlager-Dove) – Courts: Attorneys: Implicit Bias: Training

Requires the Board of Registered Nursing and the Physician Assistant Board, by a specified date, to adopt regulations requiring the curriculum for continuing education for its licensees to include specified instruction in the understanding of implicit bias in treatment. Requires the Boards to audit education providers for compliance. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB241

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-417

AB 242 (Kamlager-Dove) - Courts: Attorneys: Implicit Bias: Training

Authorizes the Judicial Council to develop training on implicit bias with respect to certain characteristics. Requires all court staff who interact with the public to complete 2 hours of any training developed by the Judicial Council pursuant to this authorization every 2 years. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB242

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-418

SB 41 (Hertzberg) – Civil Actions: Damages (Discrimination/Court Proceedings)

Prohibits the estimation, measure, or calculation of past, present, or future personal injury or wrongful death damages from being reduced based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB41

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-136

SB 229 (Hertzberg) - Discrimination: Complaints: Administrative Review

Requires the Labor Commissioner, within a certain number of days, to file a certified copy of a final citation with the Superior Court for judicial

enforcement in any county in which the person assessed the penalty has, or had property or a place of business, unless the person cited requests an informal hearing to challenge the citation. Requires the Clerk of the Court to immediately enter judgment for the amount in the citation.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB229

Signed 10/10/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-721

SB 329 (Mitchell) - Discrimination: Housing: Source of Income

Defines the term source of income, for purposes of provision of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, to mean verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or to a representative thereof, or paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state, or local public assistance and housing subsidies. Specifies that a housing owner is not considered a representative of a tenant. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB329

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-600

Education

AB 34 (Ramos) - Pupils: Bullying and Harassment Prevention Handbook

Requires each local educational agency to ensure that specified information on bullying and harassment prevention is readily accessible in a prominent location on the local educational agency's existing internet website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents or guardians and pupils. Requires local educational agencies to include policies adopted by a local educational agency relating to hate violence, bullying, harassment, discrimination, and suicide prevention and related resources. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB34

Signed 09/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-282

AB 419 (Skinner) - Pupil Discipline: Suspensions: Willful Defiance

Applies certain provisions relating to suspension to charter schools. Prohibits the suspension of a pupil enrolled in a school district or charter school in grades 4 and 5, inclusive, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of those school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB419

Signed 09/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-279

AB 1127 (Rivas) – Interdistrict Attendance: Prohibition on Transfers

Requires a school district of residence to approve an intradistrict transfer request for a victim of an act of bullying, as provided. Prohibits a school district of residence, regardless of whether there is an agreement or permit, from prohibiting the interdistrict transfer of a victim of an act of bullying if there is no available school for an intradistrict transfer and the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1127

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2019. Chapter No. 2019-781

AB 1319 (Arambula) - Migrant Education: Pupil Residency

Requires local educational agencies to allow a pupil who is a migratory child to continue attending their school of origin, regardless of any change of residence of the pupil. Requires a local educational agency to inform a pupil, who is a migratory child, and that pupil's parent or guardian of the impact of remaining in the school of origin on the eligibility of that pupil to receive migrant education services.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1319

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-458

AB 1240 (Weber) - School Accountability: Local Control

Requires school districts and county boards of education to measure pupil achievement in their respective local control and accountability plans by, and as applicable, among other things required by existing law, separate calculations for the percentage of pupils who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1240

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-783

AB 1354 (Gipson) – Juvenile Court School Pupils: Transition Planning

Requires, as part of the joint transition planning policy, the County Office of Education to assign transition oversight responsibilities to existing Office

personnel who will work in collaboration with the County Probation Department, as needed, and relevant local educational agencies to ensure that specified transition activities are completed for the pupil, and to facilitate the transfer of complete and accurate education records.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1354

Signed 10/11/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-756

AB 1767 (Ramos) – Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies

Requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency that serves pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to, before the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, adopt, and update as prescribed, a policy on pupil suicide prevention that specifically addresses the needs of high-risk groups.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1767

Signed 10/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-694

SB 265 (Hertzberg) - Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017

Requires local educational agencies to ensure that a pupil whose parent or guardian has unpaid school meal fees is not denied a reimbursable meal of the pupil's choice because of the fact that the pupil's parent or guardian has unpaid meal fees and ensure that the pupil is not shamed or treated differently from other pupils.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB265

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 10/12/2019. Chapter No. 2019-785

SB 419 (Skinner) – Pupil Discipline: Suspensions: Willful Defiance

Applies certain provisions relating to suspension to charter schools. Prohibits the suspension of a pupil enrolled in a school district or charter school in grades 4 and 5, inclusive, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of those school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB419

Signed 09/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-279

Employment

AB 51 (Gonzalez) – Employment Discrimination: Enforcement

Prohibits a person from requiring any applicant for employment or any employee to waive any right, forum, or procedure for a violation of any provision of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or other specific statutes governing the receipt of any employment related benefit. Prohibits an employer from harassing an employee for exercising those rights. Makes violations of such prohibitions unlawful employment practices.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB51

Signed 10/10/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-711

AB 673 (Carrillo) – Failure to Pay Wages: Penalties

Authorizes an affected employee to bring an action to recover specified statutory penalties against an employer as part of a hearing held to recover unpaid wages. Removes the authority for the Labor Commissioner to recover civil penalties in an independent civil action. Modifies the list of statutes that a statutory penalty may be recovered for violation of by adding a provision relating to wages paid to an employee who is licensed under the Barbering and Cosmetology Act.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB673

Signed 10/10/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-716

AB 1554 (Gonzalez) – Employers: Dependent Care Assistance Program

Requires an employer to notify, in a prescribed manner, an employee who participates in a flexible spending account of any deadline to withdraw funds before the end of the plan year.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB673

Signed 08/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-195

SB 688 (Monning) – Failure to Pay Wages: Penalties

Provides that if the Labor Commissioner determines that an employer has paid a wage set by contract in excess of minimum wage, the Labor Commissioner may issue a citation to the employer to recover restitution of the amounts owed.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB688

Signed 10/10/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-723

Fees/Fines

SB 164 (McGuire) – Infractions: Community Service

Authorizes a person who has been convicted of an infraction to elect to perform community service in the county in which the infraction violation occurred, the county of the person's residence, or any other county to which the person has substantial ties if the court determines that the person has shown that payment of the total fine would pose a hardship on the person and the person has elected to perform community service in lieu of paying the total fine. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB164

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2019. Chapter No. 2019-138

Healthcare

AB 1004 (McCarty) – Developmental Screening Services

Requires, consistent with federal law, that screening services provides as an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment, or EPSDT, benefit include developmental screening services for individuals of a certain age, inclusive. Requires MediCal managed care plans to ensure that providers who contract with these plans render those services in conformity with specified standards.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1004

Signed 9/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-387

AB 824 (Wood) – Business: Preserving Access to Affordable Drugs

Provides that an agreement resolving or settling, on a final or interim basis, a patent infringement claim, in connection with the sale of a pharmaceutical product, is to be presumed to have anticompetitive effects if a nonreference drug filer receives anything of value from another company asserting patent infringement and if the nonreference drug filer agrees to limit or forego research, development, manufacturing, marketing, or sales of the nonreference drug filer's product for any period of time.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB824

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-531

SB 165 (Atkins) – Medical Interpretation Services

Requires the Department of Health Care Services to establish a pilot project concerning medical interpretation services concurrent with the specified study. Requires that the pilot project be designed to evaluate certain factors, including whether disparities in care are reduced, with respect to LEP Medi-Cal beneficiaries compared with Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are proficient in English.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB165

Signed 9/27/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-365

Health Facilities

SB 227 (Leyva) – Health and Care Facilities: Inspections and Penalties

Requires the periodic inspections of specified health facilities to include reviews of compliance with the nurse to patient ratios and staff assignment regulations. Requires the State Department of Public Health to conduct these inspections in a manner that is not announced in advance of the date of inspection. Requires the Department to assess specified administrative penalties for a violation of the nurse to patient ratios and staff assignment regulations.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB227

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-843

Homelessness

AB 139 (Quirk-Silva) - Emergency and Transitional Housing Act

Authorizes a local government to apply a written objective standard that provides sufficient parking to accommodate the staff working in an emergency shelter. Requires the need for an emergency shelter to be assessed based on the capacity necessary to accommodate the most recent homeless point in time count, the number of shelter beds available on a year round and seasonal basis, and the number of beds that go unused on an average monthly basis, among other factors. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB139

Signed 9/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-335

AB 728 (Santiago) – Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams

Expands the goals of the Homeless Adult and Family Multidisciplinary Personnel Team in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Clara, and Ventura, to include facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of individuals at risk of homelessness to housing and supportive services, and the expedited prevention of homelessness.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB728

Signed 9/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-337

AB 761 (Nazarian) - State Armories: Homeless Shelters

Authorizes the use of any armory deemed vacant by the Military Department throughout the year by the county or city in which the armory is located for the purpose of providing temporary shelter from hazardous weather conditions for homeless persons, at the sole discretion of the Adjutant General.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB761

Signed 9/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-338

AB 1188 (Gabriel) – Dwelling Units: Persons at Risk of Homelessness

Requires a landlord to give seven days' notice to a tenant in order to evict a person at risk of homelessness from the unit, unless specified exceptions apply. Gives the tenant an opportunity to cure any violations cited by the landlord for evicting the person at risk of homelessness.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1188

Signed 9/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-339

AB 1235 (Chu) - Youth Homelessness Prevention Centers

Renames certain facilities youth homelessness prevention centers. Expands the categories of youth for which the center is required to provide services to also include youth at risk of homelessness and youth exhibiting status offender behavior.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1235

Signed 9/26/2019. Eff. 9/26/2019. Chapter No. 2019-341

AB 1745 (Kalra) – Shelter Crisis: Emergency Bridge Housing Community

Extends the repeal date of provisions relating to emergency bridge housing communities for the homeless upon a declaration of a shelter crisis by the City of San Jose. Extends the date that an affordable housing unit identified in the city's housing plan is required to be available for a resident of an emergency bridge housing community to live in.

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SB 450 (Umberg) – Supportive Housing

Exempts from California Environmental Quality Act projects related to the conversion of a structure with a certificate of occupancy as a motel, hotel, apartment hotel, transient occupancy residential structure, or hostel, to supportive housing or transitional housing that meet certain conditions.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB450

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SB 744 (Caballero) – California Environmental Quality

Requires the lead agency to prepare concurrently the record of proceeding for a No Place Like Home project, with the performance of the environmental review of the project if that project is not eligible for approval as a use by right, as described. Requires the lead agency to file and post a notice of determination within 2 working days of the approval of the project. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB744

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Housing

AB 1110 (Friedman) – Rent Increases: Noticing

Requires a certain amount of notice if a landlord of a residential dwelling with a month-to-month tenancy increases the rent by a certain percentage of the amount of the rent charged to a tenant annually.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1110

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SB 18 (Skinner) – Keep Californians Housed Act

Deletes the current repeal date, thereby extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB18

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-134

SB 330 (Skinner) – Housing Crisis Act

Requires a local agency that proposes to disapprove a housing development project that complies with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria that were in effect at the time the application was deemed to be complete, or to approve it on the condition that it be developed at a lower density, to base its decision upon written findings supported by substantial evidence on the record that specified conditions exist, and places the burden of proof on the local agency to that effect.

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IHSS

AB 426 (Maienschein) – In Home Supported Services Program

Prohibits a licensed health care professional from charging a fee for the completion of the certification form. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB426

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-424

Immigration

AB 32 (Bonta) – Detention Facilities: Private, For-profit

Prohibits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from entering into or renewing a contract with a private, for-profit prison to incarcerate state prison inmates, but would not prohibit the department from renewing or extending a contract to house state prison inmates in order to comply with any court-ordered population cap. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB32

Signed 10/11/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-739

AB 1563 (Santiago) – State Census Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Authorizes the Secretary of State to work with the State Census Office and the State Complete Count Committee to promulgate a Census Bill of Rights and Responsibilities no later than a specified date. Makes it a misdemeanor for any person to falsely represent themselves as a census taker, or to falsely assume some or all of the activities of such, with the intent to interfere with the operation of the census or with the intent to obtain information or consent to an otherwise unlawful search or seizure.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1563

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-831

ACR 1 (Bonta) – Immigration: Public Charges

Condemns regulations recently adopted by the Department of Homeland Security to prescribe how a determination of inadmissibility for a person who is not a citizen or national is made based on the likelihood that the person will become a public charge. Urges the federal government to repeal the new regulations. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACR1

Signed 09/26/2019. Chapter No. 2019-164

Insurance

AB 174 (Wood) – Health Care

Corrects an erroneous cross references relating to the Attorney General's written waiver as to a proposed agreement or transaction of a nonprofit corporation that operates or controls a health facility.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB174

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-795

AB 406 (Limon) - Disability Compensation: Paid Family Leave: Application

Requires the Employment Development Department to distribute the application for family temporary disability insurance benefits, in addition to the application in English, in all non-English languages spoken by a

substantial number of non-English-speaking applicants.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB406

Signed 9/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-386

AB 567 (Calderon) – Long-Term Care Insurance

Establishes the Long Term Care Insurance Task Force in the Department of Insurance, chaired by the Commissioner or a designee, and composed of specified stakeholders and representatives of government agencies to examine the components necessary to design and implement a statewide long-term care insurance program. Requires the task force to recommend options for establishing this program and to comment on their respective degrees of feasibility in a report.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB567

Signed 10/11/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-746

SB 407 (Monning) – Medicare Supplement Benefit Coverage

Excludes outpatient prescription drugs benefits as a new or innovative benefit. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care and the Insurance Commissioner to issue guidance on specified requirements. Excludes new or innovative benefits from the determination of whether benefits are equal to or lesser than those provided by the previous coverage.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB407

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-549

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

AB 189 (Kamlager-Dove) - Child Abuse and Neglect: Mandated Reporters: Autism

Adds qualified autism service providers, qualified autism service professionals, and qualified autism service paraprofessionals to the list of individuals who are mandated reporters under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB189

Signed 10/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-674

AB 439 (Stone) – Juveniles: Competency

Deletes a statement that specified provisions do not authorize or require the placement of a minor, who is incompetent, in a developmental center or community facility operated by the State Department of Developmental Services without a determination by a regional center director, or the director's designee, that the minor had a developmental disability and is eligible for services. Removes developmental centers from the alternatives to juvenile hall that a court is required to consider.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB439

Signed 7/31/2019. Eff. 07/31/2019. Chapter No. 2019-161

AB 640 (Frazier) – Sex Crimes: Investigation and Prosecution

Requires the training course for District Attorneys in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases to also cover the investigation and prosecution of sexual abuse cases involving victims with developmental disabilities. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB640

Signed 08/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-177

AB 1019 (Frazier) – Apprenticeship: Developmentally Disabled Persons

Adds, to the ex officio members of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship, the Director of Rehabilitation and the Executive Director of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Requires the Committee to create a subcommittee to address apprenticeship for the disabled community. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1019

Signed 7/31/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-164

AB 1199 (Petrie-Norris) - State Property: Fairview Developmental Center

Requires, if land within the grounds of the Fairview Developmental Center is reported as excess and the Department of Developmental Services determines that the land is needed by more than one state agency, that the Department conduct a public hearing and receive public input regarding the use of the land before transferring it to any state agency. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1199

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-824

Juvenile Justice

AB 1394 (Daly) – Juveniles: Sealing of Records

Prohibits a superior court or probation department from charging an applicant a fee for filing a petition to seal records relating to the juvenile's case. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1394

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-582

AB 1423 (Wicks) – Transfer to Juvenile Court

Authorizes a person whose case was transferred from juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction to file a motion to return the case to juvenile court for disposition under specified circumstances, among others, when the person is convicted at trial only of an offense that was not the basis for transfer from juvenile court to the criminal court.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1423

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-583

Landlord/Tenant

AB 1482 (Chiu) - Tenant Protection Act of 2019: Tenancy: Rent Caps

Prohibits an owner, of residential real property from terminating a tenancy without just cause, which the bill would require to be stated in the written notice to terminate tenancy when the tenant has continuously and lawfully occupied the residential real property for 12 months. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1482

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-597

Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS)

SB 228 (Jackson) – Master Plan on Aging

Requires the secretary, in coordination with the Director of the California Department of Aging, to lead the development and implementation of the master plan established pursuant to that executive order. Requires the

secretary and the director, with the assistance of the workgroup, to work with specified agencies, as needed, to identify policies, efficiencies, and strategies necessary to implement the master plan.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB228

Signed 10/11/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-742

AB 1695 (Carrillo) – Health Facilities

Requires a licensee of a skilled nursing facility, a certain number of days prior to the finalization of a sale, transfer of operation, or other change or transfer of ownership interests, to give a written notice of the proposed change in licensee or management company to all residents of the facility and their representatives that contains specified information relating to the prospective licensee, transferee, assignee, lessee, or licensee's parent company or management company. Imposes a civil penalty. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1695

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-832

Medi-Cal

AB 678 (Flora) – Medi-Cal: Podiatric Services

Prohibits the requirement of prior authorization for podiatric services provided by a doctor of podiatric medicine if a physician and surgeon rendering the same services would not be required to provide prior authorization.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB678

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-433

AB 715 (Nazarian) - Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program

Extends the Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program until a specified date.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB715

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-806

AB 781 (Maienschein) – MediCal: Family Respite Care

Specifies that pediatric day health care services may be provided at any time of the day and on any day of the week, so long as the total number of authorized hours is not exceeded. Authorizes pediatric day health care services to be covered for a specified number of hours per calendar day. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB781

Signed 07/09/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-64

AB 1088 (Wood) – MediCal: Eligibility

Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to implement an income disregard that would allow an aged, blind, or disabled individual who becomes ineligible for MediCal benefits because of the state's payment of the individual's Medicare Part B premiums to remain eligible for the MediCal program if their income and resources otherwise meet all eligibility requirements. (DRC cosponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1088

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-450

AB 1642 (Wood) – MediCal: Managed Care Plans

Requires a MediCal managed care plan to provide information in a request for alternative access standards and to demonstrate the delivery of MediCal services to enrollees. Requires the information compiled by the EQRO to include the extent to which each MediCal managed care plan uses clinically appropriate telecommunications technology to meet established time and distance standards.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1642

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-465

AB 1705 (Bonta) – MediCal: Emergency Medical Transportation Services

Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to implement, subject to any necessary federal approvals, the Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer. Authorizes the Department to continue conducting any administrative duties related to the specified supplemental MediCal reimbursement. Exempts an eligible provider from the quality assurance fee and add on increase for the duration of any MediCal

managed care rating during which the Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program is implemented.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1705

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-544

AB 1723 (Wood) – Pharmacy: Clinics: Purchasing Drugs At Wholesale

Increases the number of hours a licensed clinic permitted to purchase drugs at wholesale for administration or dispensing is authorized to be open.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1723

Signed 09/20/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-323

Mental Health

AB 46 (Carrillo) – Individuals with Mental Illness: Change of Terms

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to replace derogatory terms with more culturally sensitive terms when referring to individuals with mental illness. (DRC sponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB46

Signed 6/26/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-09

AB 577 (Eggman) – Health Care Coverage: Maternal Mental Health

Requires an individual, who presents written documentation of being diagnosed with a maternal mental health condition from the individual's treating health care provider, to complete those covered services for that condition, not exceeding a certain number of months. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB577

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-776

AB 845 (Maienschein) – Continuing Education: Physicians and Surgeons

Requires the Medical Board, in determining the continuing education requirements for physicians and surgeons, to consider including a course in maternal mental health. Requires the board to periodically update any curricula developed pursuant to the bill to account for new research.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB845

Signed 09/04/2019. Eff. 01/01/2019. Chapter No. 2019-220

AB 984 (Lackey) – Suicide Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

Allows a taxpayer to designate an amount in excess of personal income tax liability to be transferred into the Suicide Prevention Voluntary Contribution Fund. Requires moneys transferred to the Fund to award grants to nonprofit organizations providing suicide prevention services.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB984

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-445

AB 1352 (Waldron) - Community Mental Health Services: Mental Health Boards

Revises the membership and duties of mental health boards. States that a mental health board serves in an advisory role to the governing body, and would require the board to review and evaluate the local public mental health system and advise the governing body on community mental health services delivered by the local mental health agency or local behavioral health agency. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1352

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-460

SB 36 (Hertzberg) - Pretrial Release: Risk Assessment Tools

Requires pretrial services agency that uses a pretrial risk assessment tool to validate the tool on a regular basis and to make specified information regarding the tool, including validation studies, publicly available. Requires the Judicial Council to maintain a list of pretrial services agencies that have satisfied those validation requirements and complied with those transparency requirements.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB36

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-589

SB 377 (McGuire) – Juveniles: Psychotropic Medications

Requires the forms developed by the Judicial Council to include a request for authorization by a child or that child's attorney to release the child's medical information to the Medical Board of California, in order to ascertain

whether there is excessive prescribing of psychotropic medication inconsistent with a specified standard of care. Limits the authorization to medical information relevant to the investigation of such. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB377

Signed 10/07/2019. Eff. 01/01/2019. Chapter No. 2019-547

SB 389 (Hertzberg) – Mental Health Services Act

Amends the Mental Health Services Act to authorize the counties to use MHSA moneys to provide services to persons who are participating in a presentencing or postsentencing diversion program or who are on parole, probation, postrelease community supervision, or mandatory supervision.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB389

Signed 08/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-209

SB 544 (Umberg) – State Bar: Admission: License: Moral Character Review

Prohibits the staff of the State Bar or members of the examining committee, in reviewing whether an applicant is of good moral character, from reviewing or considering the person's medical records relating to mental health, except as specified. Prohibits the staff of the State Bar or members of the examining committee from requesting or seeking to review any medical records relating to mental health, including by obtaining the consent of the applicant to disclose the records. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB544

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2010. Chapter No. 2019-152

SB 557 (Jones) - Criminal Proceedings: Mental Competence

Relates to a defendant's mental competency. Makes all documents submitted to a court pursuant to this process presumptively confidential, except as otherwise provided by law. Requires the documents to be retained in the confidential portion of the courts file, and would require counsel for the defendant and the prosecution to maintain the documents as confidential.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB557

Signed 09/05/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-251

Paratransit

AB 1351 (Lackey) – Paratransit and Dial a Ride Services: Assessment

Requires the Transportation Agency, in consultation with public transit operators, to conduct an assessment of the procedures public transit operators use to provide dial a ride and paratransit services to individuals with disabilities who are visiting their service territories and are certified to use another in state public transit operator's similar dial a ride and paratransit services. Requires the agency to publish the assessment on its internet website. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1351

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-627

Patients' Rights

AB 333 (Eggman) - Whistleblower Protection: Patients' Rights Advocates

Establishes whistleblower protections specifically for county patients' rights advocates. Applies prohibitions against retaliation by an employer to a local contracting agency. Establishes a private right of action to enforce the rights and protections afforded to county patients' rights advocates. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB333

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-423

Public Benefits

AB 1278 (Gabriel) – Public Postsecondary Education: Website Notifications

Requires each public postsecondary institution to include on the internet website based account for an enrolled student notification of, and a link to information on, specified public services and programs, including the CalFresh program, county or local housing resources, and county or local mental health services. Authorizes each of these institutions to use existing resources for these activities. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1278

Signed 10/04/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-517

SB 735 (Leyva) – Public Social Services: Accommodation: Notification

Requires the Department of Social Services to include in any amendment of or revision to a form or report that is adopted after a certain date, and that is to be completed by an applicant for, or a recipient of, public assistance, using the single statewide automated welfare system, questions that permit the applicant or recipient to disclose a disability, the need for accommodation due to disability, and any experience of domestic violence. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB735

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-155.

Public Safety

AB 45 (Stone) – Inmates: Medical Care: Fees

Prohibits the Director or a Sheriff, Chief or Director of Corrections, or Chief of Police from charging a fee for an inmate initiated medical visit of an inmate of the state prison or a county or city jail. Prohibits those officials from charging an inmate of the state prison or a city or county jail a fee for durable medical equipment or medical supplies, as defined. (DRC had support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB45

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-570

AB 392 (Weber) – Peace Officers: Deadly Force

Redefines the circumstances under which a homicide by a peace officer is deemed justifiable to include when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that deadly force is necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person, or to apprehend a fleeing person for a felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB392

Signed 08/19/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-170

AB 701 (Weber) - Prisoners: Exoneration: Housing Costs

Requires the payment of \$5,000 to a person who is exonerated, upon release, to be used to pay for housing and would entitle the exonerated person to receive direct payment or reimbursement for reasonable housing

costs, including, among others, rent and hotel costs, not to exceed specified limits, for a period of not more than 4 years.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB701

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-435

AB 1390 (Stone) – Deferred Entry of Judgement Pilot Program

Authorizes a defendant who is 21 years of age or older, but under 25 years of age on the date the offense was committed, to participate in the program if approved by the multidisciplinary team established by the county. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1390

Signed 7/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-129

AB 1421 (Bauer-Kahan) – Supervised Release: Revocation

Relates to probation. Prohibits the revocation of supervision for failure of a person to pay fines, fees, or assessments, unless the court makes the same determinations. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1421

Signed 07/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-111

SB 230 (Caballero) – Law Enforcement: Use of Deadly Force: Training: Policy

Requires each law enforcement agency to maintain a policy that provides guidelines on the use of force and to make their use of force policy accessible to the public by a specified date. Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to implement courses of instruction for the regular and periodic training of law enforcement officers in the use of force.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB230

Signed 09/12/2019. Chapter No. 2019-285

SB 394 (Skinner) – Criminal Procedure: Diversion for Primary Caregivers

Authorizes the presiding Judge of the Superior Court, in consultation with the presiding Juvenile Court Judge and criminal court Judges, to create a pretrial diversion program for defendants who are primary caregivers of a child under a specified age, who are charged with a misdemeanor or a

nonserious, nonviolent felony, and who are not being placed into diversion for a crime alleged to have been committed against a person for whom the defendant is the primary caregiver. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB394

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-593

Residential Care Facilities

AB 737 (Eggman) – Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly:

Licensing and Regulation

Clarifies that the application requirements for any person seeking a license for a residential care facility for the elderly apply to entities and agents signing on behalf of entities and that an applicant is required to provide or cause to be provided, at the department's request, any additional information related to consideration of the application regarding any entity that is an applicant or holds a beneficial ownership interest of 10 percent or more.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB737

Signed 08/30/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-180

Seniors

AB 1128 (Petrie-Norris) - Program Of All-Inclusive Care For The Elderly

Exempts from licensure by the State Department of Public Health a primary care clinic, an adult day health care center, or a home health agency, that is approved by the State Department of Health Care Services to operate exclusively as part of a PACE organization or that provides services to individuals who are being assessed for eligibility to enroll in the PACE program for not more than 60 calendar days after an individual submits an application for enrollment. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1128

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-821

SB 453 (Hurtado) – Older Adults

Requires the Department of Aging to develop a core model of best practices under the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Program. Requires the Department to consider specified practices, including a

person centered counseling process. Requires the Department to take specified actions with regard to the implementation of a No Wrong Door System and determine if the Medicaid claiming process may be used to fund the System. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB453

Signed 10/12/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-850

Service Animals

AB 169 (Lackey) – Guide, Signal and Service Dogs: Injury or Death

Requires the defendant, convicted of certain crimes, to make restitution to the person for medical or medical-related expenses, or for loss of wages or income, as defined, incurred by the person with a disability. Includes in the definition of replacement costs for this purpose the training costs for a new dog, if needed, the cost of keeping the now-disabled dog in a kennel while the handler travels to receive the new dog. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB169

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-604

Special Education

AB 605 (Maienschein) – Special Education: Assistive Technology Devices

Requires a local educational agency, including a charter school, to provide the use of school-purchased assistive technology devices in a child's home or in other settings if the child's individualized education program team determines that the child needs access to those devices in order to receive a free appropriate public education. Requires the agency to be responsible for providing continued access. (DRC had a support position)

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Signed 09/05/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-228

AB 1172 (Frazier) – Special Education: Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies.

Requires a contracting local educational agency to pay the full amount of the tuition or fees, as applicable, for individuals with exceptional needs who are enrolled in programs or receiving services provided pursuant to such a contract. Requires a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to include in

its certification application documentation that the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency will train staff who will have contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (DRC had a support position)
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Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-454

Taxes

AB 115 (Committee on Budget) – Medi-Cal: Managed Care Organization Provider Tax

Establishes a managed care organization provider tax, with substantially similar provisions, that would become effective and operative on the effective date of the federal approval necessary for receipt of federal financial participation. Specifies the applicable tax amounts for each taxing tier for certain fiscal years. Establishes the Health Care Services Fund. (DRC had a support position)

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Signed 9/27/2019. Eff. 9/27/2019. Chapter No. 2019-348

Voting

AB 59 (Kalra) – Elections: Polling Places: University Campuses

Directs a county elections official conducting an all-mailed ballot election to consider vote center location on a public or private university or college campus. Expands the definition of "public building" for purposes of that provision to include buildings owned or controlled by community college districts, the California State University, and the University of California, and it would also clarify that the University of California is encouraged, but not required, to comply with such a request. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB59

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-554

AB 623 (Berman) - Elections: Printing Requirements and Ballot Design

Deletes various provisions requiring certain text be printed in a particular font and makes other ballot related changes allowing more flexibility. Deletes the requirement that the notice be in gothic type. Requires the

Secretary of State to establish a ballot design advisory committee. (DRC had a support position)

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Signed 10/13/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-863

SB 72 (Umberg) – Conditional Voter Registration: Provisional Ballots

Requires the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at satellite offices of the County Elections Office and all polling places in that county. Requires the elections official to provide the voter with a ballot for the voter's precinct, if the elections official is able to determine a conditionally registered voter's precinct, and the ballot for that precinct is available. Provides a caveat of certain additional changes. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB72

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-565

SB 523 (McGuire) – Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots

Requires, in the case of a voter whose signatures do not match, the elections official to notify the voter, a minimum number of days before the certification of the election, of an opportunity to verify the voter's signature. Extends the deadline for a voter who did not sign the ballot identification envelope to sign the envelope, or sign and deliver an unsigned ballot statement. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB523

Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-568

Wildfires/Utilities

SB 167 (Dodd) – Electrical Corporations: Wildfire Mitigation Plans

Requires each electrical corporation, as part of specified protocols, to additionally include protocols related to mitigating the public safety impacts of disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical distribution system that consider the impacts on customers who are receiving medical baseline allowances. Authorizes electrical corporations to deploy backup electrical resources or provide financial assistance for backup electrical resources to those customers.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB167

Signed 10/02/2019. Eff. 0/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-403

Youth

AB 1454 (Jones-Sawyer) - Trauma-informed Diversion Programs for Youth

Authorizes grants to be awarded to nonprofit organization applicants to administer the diversion programs. Increases the maximum grant award to \$2,000,000 and would require an applicant to provide a cash or in-kind match.

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Signed 10/08/2019. Eff. 01/01/2020. Chapter No. 2019-584

Vetoed Bills:

Abuse/Neglect

SB 622 (Durazo) – Civil Detention Facilities: State Investigation

Requires the custodian of a civil detention facility in which a death has occurred to notify the Bureau of Investigation within the Department of Justice immediately, but in any case, no more than 2 hours after the individual is pronounced dead. Requires the Bureau to immediately open an investigation into the cause and circumstances of the death, including an examination and determination of whether the entity that was responsible for the civil detention of the individual was in compliance. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB622

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 622 without my signature, as I am concerned its goal of providing for state investigations of deaths of individuals under federal custody will not be achieved. The Trump Administration has weaponized our immigration and detention systems for political gain, demonizing migrants and asylum seekers and instilling fear in immigrant communities. Time and time again, we have seen reports of deplorable living conditions, disease outbreaks and human rights abuses in these detention centers. That is why California is leading by prohibiting private,

for-profit prisons and detention facilities. I believe that closing these facilities needs to be our focus as it is the best way to address these injustices.

Discrimination

AB 403 (Kalra) – Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Complaint

Amends existing law which authorizes a person who believes they have been discharged or otherwise discriminated against in violation of any law under the jurisdiction of the Labor Commissioner to file a complaint with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. Extends the period to file a complaint to within 2 years after the occurrence of the violation, except that violations of certain provisions may be filed within one year.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB403

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 403 without my signature. This bill would extend the period to file a whistleblower retaliation complaint with the Labor Commissioner from six months to within two years after the retaliation has occurred. This bill would also authorize a court to award reasonable attorney's fees to a plaintiff who brings a successful anti-retaliation action. I commend the Legislature's recent work to enact strong anti-retaliation measures, including providing the Labor Commissioner's Office with authority to investigate retaliation when workers are too fearful to file a formal complaint, as well as the power to issue an administrative citation to enforce anti-retaliation statutes. The Legislature has recognized that swift enforcement action by the Labor Commissioner is one of the most effective tools to combat retaliation and mitigate against its chilling effect on the rights of workers. I urge the Legislature to consider an approach that is consistent with other anti-retaliation statute of limitations in the Labor Code which are set to one year.

AB 1478 (Carrillo) – Employment Discrimination

Authorizes an employee aggrieved under specified provisions to bring a private civil action against the employee's employer and would not require that employee to pursue any other remedy prior to bringing that action.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1478

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1478 without my signature as it is unnecessary. Under current law, employers are prohibited from retaliating against survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking when they seek time off work to obtain relief that helps ensure the health and safety of survivors or their children. AB 1478 expressly states that employees may file a private lawsuit when such anti-retaliation provisions are violated by an employer, and they may recover attorney's fees in addition to reinstatement and damages. Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking already have the ability under current law to file a retaliation claim through the Labor Commissioner's Office, file a Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) claim, and to seek reinstatement and reimbursement for lost wages and benefits. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to ensure the state vigorously enforces laws that protect workers and survivors of abuse.

SB 218 (Bradford) – Employment: Discrimination Enforcement

Authorizes the legislative body of a local government, located within the County of Los Angeles to enact a local antidiscrimination ordinance relating to employment, including establishing remedies and penalties for violations. Authorizes a local government to create a local agency to enforce local antidiscrimination laws.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200
SB 218

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 218 without my signature. This bill would amend the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) to permit local jurisdictions in Los Angeles County to enact and enforce their own laws prohibiting employment discrimination as long as they are at a minimum as protective as the FEHA. I am committed to combating and eradicating discrimination and have signed several measures this year to address discriminatory practices. However, I don't support lifting a preemption that has been in place for decades in the manner proposed in this bill. As crafted, this measure could create confusion, inconsistent enforcement of the law and increase costs without a corresponding increase in worker protections. This bill leaves ambiguities about local governments' ability to enforce both local ordinances and FEHA. I invite

the Legislature to come back with a measure that makes it clear that local enforcement measures are exclusively focused on local ordinances.

Early Childhood Education

AB 197 (Gonzalez) – Full-Day Kindergarten

Requires school districts offering kindergarten and charter schools serving pupils in early primary grades to implement at least 1 full-day kindergarten program. Provides that a minimum schoolday for full-day kindergarten is the same number of minutes per schoolday that is offered to pupils in 1st grade. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB197

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 197 without my signature. This bill requires all elementary schools, as well as all charter schools that offer kindergarten, to offer at least one full-day kindergarten program, commencing with the 2022-23 school year. Enrollment in full-day kindergarten has grown for more than a decade. Some school districts opt for part-day programs due to facilities constraints. In order to address this limitation, the 2019 Budget Act includes \$300 million one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund specifically for facilities construction designed to expand full-day kindergarten offerings. While I support increased access to full-day kindergarten, I cannot sign this bill as it would impose new costs outside the budget.

Education

AB 16 (Rivas) - Homeless Children and Youths: Reporting

Requires a local educational agency to ensure that each school within the local educational agency identifies all homeless children and youths enrolled at the school, and requires the local educational agency to annually report to the Department of Education the number of homeless children and youths enrolled. Establishes state coordinator positions to serve pupils who are experiencing homelessness. Requires posting a liaison's contact information on a school's website.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB16

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 16 without my signature. This bill would require local educational agencies (LEA) to post the name and contact information of their homeless liaison, and establish three technical services providers to assist LEAs in serving their homeless students contingent on appropriation. I support the effort to help our homeless students succeed in school. That is why I supported increased funding in the 2019 Budget to the California Department of Education to improve the support for homeless students throughout the state. However, this bill adds additional costs which are better considered during the annual budget process.

SB 428 (Pan) – Pupil Health: School Employee Training

Requires the State Department of Education to identify an evidence based training program for a local educational agency to use to train classified and certificated school employees having direct contact with pupils on youth mental and behavioral health. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB428

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 428 without my signature. This bill would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to identify an evidence-based training program on youth mental health for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to use to train classified and certificated employees who have direct contact with students at each school site. Providing support for students facing mental health is of critical importance. Multiple public agencies beyond CDE hold a responsibility for addressing the mental health crisis impacting young people today. That is why I worked with the Legislature to appropriate \$50 million in this year's budget to create the Mental Health Student Services Act. Mental health partnerships among county mental health or behavioral health departments, school districts, charter schools and county offices of education are best positioned to address the diverse mental health needs of young people.

Employment

AB 365 (C. Garcia) – State Civil Service: Examination and Hiring Processes

Amends existing state civil service law relating to the Limited Examination and Appointment Program, or LEAP, to provide an alternative to the

traditional civil service examination and appointment process to facilitate the hiring of persons with disabilities. Extends all LEAP program provisions indefinitely. (DRC sponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB365

Vetoed 10/09/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 365 without my signature. Being inclusive and accommodating of people with disabilities is critical to creating a diverse workforce. Assembly Bill 365, however, would make permanent, at a significant cost, a pilot program that is still in need of improvement. Furthermore, this effort can be addressed administratively. As a result, I am directing the Government Operations Agency, in collaboration with CalHR, to ensure that disability policies are included in the newly established Diversity Taskforce. This Taskforce has been created in order to ensure we achieve a state workforce that reflects the Californians we serve. The Taskforce will bring together civil and public servants to improve the State's hiring and retention of persons with disabilities, among other diversity issues. For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill but remain determined in our efforts to address this important issue.

Health

AB 512 (Ting) - Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services

Requires each mental health plan to prepare a cultural competence plan to address mental health disparities in access, utilization, and outcomes by various categories, such as race, ethnicity, and immigration status.

Requires the convening of a committee to review and approve the cultural competence plan, to annually update its cultural competence plan and progress, and to post this material on its internet website. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB512

Vetoed 10/13/19 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 512 without my signature. This bill would require each county mental health plan to meet mental health disparities reduction targets developed by the Department of Health Care Services and imposes additional reporting requirements and processes on county mental health plans. Although I support the intent and efforts of this bill

to reduce mental health disparities, the new requirements imposed by this bill would result in significant General Fund cost pressures that are better considered through the state's annual budget process.

Housing

AB 344 (Calderon) – New Beginnings California Program

Establishes the New Beginnings California Program in the Department of Community Services and Development. Creates the New Beginnings California Account for the purpose of providing matching grant funding to cities and local continuum of care programs to implement, expand, or continue employment programs for homeless individuals. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB344

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 344 without my signature. This bill establishes the New Beginning California Program within the Department of Community Services and Development, which would provide a maximum of 50 grants annually to award matching funds of up to \$50,000 to cities, counties, and local continuum of care programs to implement or expand employment programs for homeless individuals. While the intent of this measure is laudable, it creates General Fund cost pressures and should be considered in the annual budget process. Moreover, the 2019 Budget Act includes \$650 million for local jurisdictions to combat homelessness, of which employment programs are an eligible use.

Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

SB 163 (Portantino) – Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorder

Revises the definition of behavioral health treatment to require the services and treatment programs provided to be based on behavioral, developmental, relationship-based, or other evidence-based models. Removes the exception for health care service plans and health insurance policies in the Medi-Cal program. Expands the definition of a qualified autism service professional to include behavioral service providers who meet specified educational and professional or work experience qualifications. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB163

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 163 without my signature. This bill seeks to change the qualification standards necessary to be a qualified autism service professional or paraprofessional. When the Legislature enacted SB 946 (Steinberg, Chapter 650, Statutes of 2011), it clearly anticipated subsequent action to develop a comprehensive structure to license providers of behavioral health treatment to individuals with autism spectrum disorder. A formal licensing scheme that includes clinical expertise and administrative oversight is a more appropriate venue to address qualification standards for practitioners, ensure quality of care, and provide effective consumer protection. I encourage the Legislature to complete the work begun by SB 946. In addition, by removing the health plan coverage exemption for contracts in the Medi-Cal program, this bill inadvertently creates conflicting requirements within the Medi-Cal program that could result in unintentional delays in access to care and jeopardizes continued receipt of federal financial participation for behavioral health treatment.

Juvenile Justice

SB 284 (Beall) - Juvenile Justice: County Support of Wards

Increases an annual rate, as specified, by persons committed to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice, if the offense on which the commitment is based, had it been filed in a court of criminal jurisdiction at the time of adjudication, had a maximum aggregate sentence of fewer than 7 years or if the offense on which the commitment is based occurred when the person was 15 years of age or younger. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB284

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 284 without my signature. This bill increases the annual rate that a county must pay to the state to commit a juvenile to the Division of Juvenile Justice. I applaud the author's commitment to promoting effective rehabilitation for the youth in our criminal justice system. I disagree, however, that a financial disincentive to counties is necessarily the right approach to managing our state-level population. I have initiated the transfer of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to the

California Health and Human Services Agency, and the Administration is working on the creation of a new Department of Youth and Community Restoration (DYCR). This new department will, as DJJ does now, serve a specific cohort of high-need youth who have often times have been unable to receive needed services at the county level. It is important that any re-evaluation of what type of population is served at DYCR be done with this global shift in mind, and in a manner that does not enact a blanket financial disincentive when there may be more targeted ways to meet the author's goals. I am committed to working with the Legislature on ensuring that the transformation of DJJ into DYCR is a success and that we manage this population of young Californians appropriately and with great care.

Long-Term Services and Supports

AB 506 (Kalra) – Long Term Care Facilities

Amends the Long Term Care, Health, Safety, and Security Act. Defines a class A violation as one that the Department of Public Health determines presents either imminent danger to patients or residents or substantial probability of the same. Redefines a class AA violation. Increases the civil penalties for violations by a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care. (DRC sponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB506

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 506 without my signature. This bill revises the criteria used by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to impose class "AA" violations in long-term care facilities. Patient safety and quality care is of the utmost importance, and I am committed to protecting the vulnerable residents of long-term health care facilities. This bill began as a laudable effort to update the standard for determining a facility's responsibility for the death of a patient or resident. However, I am concerned that the language, in its current form, would create more confusion than clarity and would not help CDPH to enforce the law. I encourage the Legislature and stakeholders to work with CDPH toward a resolution that enables the Department to better hold facilities accountable for causing the death of an agent or resident.

Medi-Cal

AB 318 (Chu) – MediCal Materials: Readability

Requires the field testing of all Medi-Cal beneficiary materials and informing materials, be translated into threshold languages and released by the Department of Health Care Services and managed care plans. Defines field testing as a review of translations for accuracy, cultural appropriateness, and readability. Defines a managed care plan for these purposes. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB318

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 318 without my signature. This bill would require field testing of translated materials for Medi-Cal consumers. While I share the author's goal of ensuring limited-English proficient consumer share access to readable information about their health care coverage, the bill's requirements would create significant costs that should be evaluated in the annual budget process.

AB 914 (Holden) – MediCal: Inmates: Eligibility

Requires the suspension of MediCal eligibility for inmates to end either on the date that the individual is no longer an inmate of the public institution or is no longer otherwise eligible for benefits under the MediCal program, whichever is sooner. Requires the Department of Healthcare Services, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to develop and implement a simplified annual redetermination of eligibility for individuals whose eligibility is suspended pursuant to these provisions.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB914

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 914 without my signature. This bill would, commencing October 1, 2020, require an indefinite suspension of Medi-Cal benefits for incarcerated individuals under 26 years of age to either end on the date of release from incarceration or when the individuals are no longer otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, whichever is sooner. The bill has different age thresholds for indefinite suspension of benefits from those in federal law, resulting in violation of federal comparability requirements that would result in significant General Fund costs.

AB 1175 (Wood) – Medi-Cal: Mental Health Services

Requires a county mental health plan and Medi-Cal managed care plan that are unable to resolve a dispute to submit a request for resolution to the department, and to ensure that there is no delay in the provision of medically necessary services pending the resolution of the dispute.

Requires the department to issue a written decision to the plans within 30 calendar days from receipt of the request. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1175

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1175 without my signature. This bill would require Medi-Cal managed care health plans (MCPs) and county mental health plans (MHPs) to exchange specific data, on a monthly basis, in order to identify individuals receiving specialty mental health services. The data would be shared pursuant to guidance from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). I support the author's goal of improving care coordination for consumers who receive treatment from multiple delivery systems. As such, I am directing DHCS to exercise its administrative authority over MCPs and MHPs and identify and implement the most efficient and effective method for ensuring these entities coordinate care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries receiving these critically important services.

SB 154 (Pan) – Medi-Cal: Restorative Dental Services

Authorizes a provider of services for the treatment of dental caries to provide, and receive reimbursement for, the application of silver diamine fluoride when used as a caries arresting agent if the provider first consults with the beneficiary and obtains written informed consent, and if the treatment is included as part of a comprehensive treatment plan, to the extent that federal financial participation is available and any necessary federal approvals have been obtained.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB154

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 154 without my signature. This bill would allow Medi-Cal dental providers to provide and be reimbursed for the application of silver diamine fluoride when used as an arresting agent for cavities on a per-tooth basis to prevent further decay, and under specified conditions. Expanding the options available for treating dental decay is a

worthwhile policy goal, but this bill would require significant General Fund spending not included in the state budget. As such, his change should be considered in the annual budget process.

Mental Health

AB 512 (Ting) – Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services

Requires each mental health plan to prepare a cultural competence plan to address mental health disparities in access, utilization, and outcomes by various categories, such as race, ethnicity, and immigration status.

Requires the convening of a committee to review and approve the cultural competence plan, to annually update its cultural competence plan and progress, and to post this material on its internet website. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB512

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 512 without my signature. This bill would require each county mental health plan to meet mental health disparities reduction targets developed by the Department of Health Care Services and imposes additional reporting requirements and processes on county mental health plans. Although I support the intent and efforts of this bill to reduce mental health disparities, the new requirements imposed by this bill would result in significant General Fund cost pressures that are better considered through the state's annual budget process.

SB 10 (Beall) - Mental Health: Peer Support Specialist Certification

Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to establish a statewide peer support specialist certification program, as a part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. Provides for components of the certification program. Requires applicants to meet specified requirements. Requires the Department of Health Care Services to amend the Medicaid state plan to include a certified peer support specialist as a provider type. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB10

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 10 without my signature. This bill would require the Department of

Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a new state certification program for mental health and substance use disorder peer support specialists. Peer support services can play an important role in meeting individuals' behavioral health care needs by pairing those individuals with trained "peers" who offer assistance with navigating local community behavioral health systems and provide needed support. Currently, counties may opt to use peer support services for the delivery of Medicaid specialty mental health services. As the Administration, in partnership with the Legislature and counties, works to transform the state's behavioral health care delivery system, we have an opportunity to more comprehensively include peer support services in these transformation plans. I look forward to working with you on these transformations efforts in the budget process and future legislation, as improving the state of the state's behavioral health system is a critical priority for me.

Public Safety

AB 927 (Jones-Sawyer) – Crimes: Fines and Fees: Ability to Pay

Requires a court imposing a fine, fee, or assessment related to a criminal or juvenile proceeding involving a misdemeanor or a felony to make a finding that the defendant or minor has the ability to pay. Requires that a defendant be presumed to not have the ability to pay if the defendant or minor is homeless, lives in a shelter, or lives in a transitional living facility, receives need-based public assistance, is very low income, or is sentenced to state prison for an indeterminate term.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB927

Vetoed 10/09/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 927 without my signature. This bill would prohibit a court from imposing fines, fees and assessments, without having first made a finding that the defendant has the ability to pay. I support this bill's intent. We must tackle the issue of burdensome fines, fees and assessments that disproportionately drag low-income individuals deeper into debt and away from full participation in their communities. However, I do not believe that requiring a hearing on defendants' ability to pay is the best approach in every case. There are many ongoing conversations about how we can build a fairer criminal justice system while ensuring adequate funding for courts and victims' compensation. I believe this issue needs to be tackled in a comprehensive manner, through the

budget process, and I am committed to working with the Legislature and stakeholders on ensuring this gets done.

SB 42 (Skinner) – The Getting Home Safe Act

Requires the sheriff to make the release standards, release procedures, and release schedules of a county jail available to incarcerated persons.

Requires a person scheduled to be released from jail between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or sundown, whichever is later, to be released during that time. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB42

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 42 without my signature. Jails should not be releasing people onto the streets during overnight hours. This is simply an unsafe practice, resulting in many tragic and preventable outcomes over the years. At a very minimum, facilities should absolutely provide a safe place to wait and arrange safe transportation when late night discharges do occur. However, this bill requires that individuals are permitted to stay in jail until morning if desired, therefore creating a significant state reimbursable mandate. The bill's intent can be accomplished through a more tailored approach that does not put the state treasury on the hook for local jail operations costs which are a local responsibility.

Sober Living

AB 920 (Petrie-Norris) - Substance Abuse Recovery or Treatment Providers

Requires an outpatient alcoholism, drug abuse recovery, or treatment program that provides those services to the public and is not otherwise licensed under existing law, to be licensed by the Department of Health Care Services. Requires the Department to develop regulations to establish program licensure standards and would integrate existing quality assurance provisions into the licensure requirements.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB920

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 920 without my signature. This bill would eliminate an existing voluntary outpatient certification program. Beginning January 1, 2021, it would attempt to require an outpatient substance use disorder

(SUD) recovery or treatment services facility which is not licensed under existing law, to obtain licensure from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide SUD services. The bill attempts to do this by replacing references to program certification in existing Health and Safety Code references to program licensure. I am supportive of the Legislature's intent to license all SUD recovery and treatment services. However, developing a new licensing schema is a significant undertaking, and would require a significant departure from the bill as enrolled. This bill would need to be revised to provide adequate statutory authority for DHCS to effectively monitor and ensure compliance with outpatient licensure requirements. In addition, establishing the associated administrative oversight is not without significant cost. After reviewing this bill, it is clear that a substantial amount of work is still needed to develop a program that my administration can implement. As such, I commend the Legislature and sponsors of this bill work closely with DHS on a more robust proposal for my consideration. Costs for implementation of such a bill would need to be considered in the budget process.

Special Education

SB 695 (Portantino) - Special Education: Individualized Education Programs

Revises the definition of parent to specify that it also includes the educational rights holder and the conservator of a child. Requires that a person who meets the definition of parent, including all categories of people included in that definition, be determined to be the parent for purposes of these provisions, if there is a judicial decree or order identifying that person. Revises the definition of local educational agency to include a charter school. (DRC sponsored this bill)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB695

Vetoed 10/12/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 695 without my signature. This bill requires a local educational agency (LEA), upon a parent's request, to translate a student's individualized education plan (IEP) and other related documents to the native language of the parent within 30 calendar days of the IEP team meeting. Current law already requires that non-English speaking parents and guardians understand their child's IEP, and LEAs must take any action needed to ensure that pupil's non-English speaking parent

understands the IEP process and LEAs must also provide any materials used to assess or place a student with exceptional needs in the parent's native language. By establishing more prescriptive requirements, particularly specifying a 30-day timeline within which those documents must be translated, the bill would exceed the requirements of federal law (the Individuals with Disabilities Act), thereby creating a costly reimbursable state mandate that will reduce funding available to support broader educational programs for these students. If a California school district's practices of providing translation services are inadequate, avenues already exist to remedy these problems. For this reason, I cannot support this bill.

Voting

AB 773 (Gonzalez) – Voter Education: High School Pupils

Makes January and September high school voter education months. Requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school to offer pupils the opportunity to register or preregister to vote during a presentation or assembly at the high school campus. Specifies methods through which the registration or preregistration could be accomplished. (DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB773

Vetoed 10/07/2019 – Veto Message

To Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 773 without my signature. This bill requires the Secretary of State, in coordination with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to develop educational programming for pupils in grade 12 on voting registration and participation. The State has already made a significant investment to increase turnout among young voters, and there is evidence that these efforts are working. The Secretary of State's Office reported that in 2018 there was a significant increase in turnout for voters ages 18-22. Rather than imposing a prescriptive requirement that imposes a one-size-fits-all requirement on each high school, I would prefer that the Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public Instruction continue their coordination to help register and preregister young people to vote.

AB 1391 (Bonta) – Elections: Voter Language Preference

Requires the application materials of a voter notification to allow the applicant to specify the preferred language in which the applicant would like

to receive future election materials. Requires the voter notification described above to include a statement of the voter's language preference. http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1391

Vetoed 10/13/2019 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1391 without my signature. This bill requires vote by mail ballot applications to provide a means for the applicant to specify the preferred language in which he or she would like to receive future election materials. It also requires voter notifications to include a statement of the voter's language preference and instructions to receive election materials in the voter's preferred language. While this bill is laudable, I must veto it because of the new obligations it imposes on county elections officials and the state-reimbursable mandate it creates. However, I will propose funding in the 2020-21 budget for the Secretary of State to fulfill its responsibilities in this bill in demonstration of California's commitment to empowering all eligible Californians to exercise their right to vote.

Of the bills analyzed or reviewed, DRC took the following positions:

Position	Total
Support	153
Watch	25
Oppose	12
Neutral	7
No Position	213
Sponsored	12
Total*	422

The following table shows bills DRC analyzed or reviewed by subject matter:

Table 2

Bill Type by Subject Matter	Total
Abuse and Neglect	16
Accessibility	2
Alcohol/Drugs	11
Autonomous Vehicles	2
Blindness	1
CalABLE	2
Civil Law	4
Civil Rights	7
Conservatorships	6
Consumer Affairs	2
Courts/Procedures	8
Deafness	3
Disabilities	4
Disaster Relief	5
Discrimination	8
Early Childhood Education	14
Education	13
Emergency Services	3
Employment	2
Eugenics	1
Family	1
Fees/Fines	3
Foster Care	1
Health	30

Health Facilities	3
Higher Education	6
Homelessness	4
Housing	23
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	25
In Home Supported Services	2
Immigration	8
Insurance	6
Juvenile Justice	8
Landlord Tenant	3
Lobbying	1
Long Term Services & Supports	10
Medi-Cal	23
Mental Health	67
OCR	1
Other	1
Paratransit	1
Poverty	1
Public Benefits	9
Public Safety	24
Residential Care Facilities	6
Seniors	3
Service Animals	1
Sober Living	4
Special Education	8
SSI	2
State Bar	4
Taxation	1
Transportation Network Companies	1
Transportation	6
Utilities	3
Voting	38
Total*	452

(*Due to some bills having multiple subject matter, the count does not match

the total number of bills analyzed or reviewed.)