

2026 LEGISLATION CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The bills listed below are pending in the Legislature and were considered by the Board in May 2026. Detailed bill information may be found by clicking links in the “Bill Number” column below. The Governor has until September 30, 2026 to consider bills that make it to his desk.

Bill No.	Author(s)	Sponsor	Title	Bill Version Considered	Board Position	Status	Effective Date
<u>AB 1558</u>	Arambula	American Red Cross	Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act	Introduced January 8, 2026	No Position	Dead	N/A
<u>AB 1988</u>	Pellerin	Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services	Companion Chatbots: Crisis Interruption Pauses	Amended April 14, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	NA
<u>AB 1598</u>	Quirk-Silva	Board of Behavioral Sciences	Behavioral Sciences	Amended April 15, 2026	Sponsor	Pending in Legislature	NA
<u>AB 1979</u>	Bonta	California Nurses Association	Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence	Amended April 23, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	NA
<u>AB 2011</u>	Hart	See Note [1] Below.	Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations	Introduced February 17, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>AB 2259</u>	Ransom	Anti-Recidivism Coalition; Mental Health America of CA; CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists	Prisons: Mental Health	Introduced February 19, 2026	Support if Amended	Dead	N/A

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<u>AB 2352</u>	Valencia	CA Behavioral Health Association	Medi-Cal Providers: Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporations	Introduced February 19, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>AB 2511</u>	Ahrens	National Union of Healthcare Workers	Behavioral Health Provider Comparable Worth Study	Introduced February 20, 2026	Support	Dead	N/A
<u>AB 2551</u>	Elhawary	CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network	Health Care Coverage	Amended March 19, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>AB 2575</u>	Ortega	CA Nurses Association; California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO	Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence	Amended April 23, 2026	No Position	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>SB 903</u>	Padilla	CA Psychological Association; CA Association of Marriage & Family Therapists; CA Behavioral Health Association	Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence	Amended April 7, 2026	Support if Amended	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>SB 934</u>	Wiener	Equality CA; Lambda Legal; National Center for LGBTQ Rights; Trevor Project	Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts: Actions for Recovery of Damages: Statute of Limitations	Amended March 19, 2026	Support	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>SB 993</u>	Ochoa Bogh	AFSCME Council 57; AFSCME Council 2620	Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Notices	Amended April 8, 2026	No Position	Pending in Legislature	N/A
<u>SB 1248</u>	Cabaldon	Author	State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems	Introduced February 19, 2026	No Position	Dead	N/A

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SB 1445	Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development	See Note [2] Below.	Healing Arts	Introduced March 17, 2026	Sponsor [2]	Pending in Legislature	N/A

[1] AB 2011 is sponsored by the California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the California State Association of Psychiatrists, the Steinberg Institute, The Kennedy Forum, and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara/California Department of Insurance.

[2] This bill affects numerous healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board serves as the sponsor of the provisions of this bill related to its practice acts.