

Let me provide three California State bills and brief explanations:

AB 1644 (Bonta): supports trauma and mental health services for young children. AB 1644 would similarly “reboot” the Early Mental Health Initiative (a K-3 grade program), specifically focuses on addressing childhood trauma and targeting services to those who have been most impacted by exposure to trauma.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1644 This bill will be heard in Appropriation Committee this Friday, May 27.

AB 2017 (McCarty) College Mental Health Services Program

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2017 This bill provides California colleges and university with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds (\$40M) for campus mental health services. This legislation would be a grant-based program and require applicants to provide matching funding. Again, this bill will be heard in Appropriation Committee this Friday, May 27.

AB 2246 (O’Donnell): Pupil suicide prevention policies

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2246 This bill would require all California middle school and high school districts to have a suicide prevention policy. Again, this bill will be heard in Appropriation Committee this Friday, May 27.

What is needed is people need to email the bill’s author saying they support this legislation. Here are the legislator’s email address:

Assemblymember Rob Bonta <http://asmdc.org/members/a18/contact/contact-rob> or assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell <https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=AD70> or Assemblymember.odonnell@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty assemblymember.mccarty@assembly.ca.gov

To get quick, direct action people should call the committee chair and vice-chair and say “I support AB 2017, AB 1644, and AB 2246”:

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Chair, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzales (916-319-2080), and the Vice Chair, Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (916-319-2005)