
AGENDA ITEM: Discussion on Proposed Legislation. SB 893

ENCLOSURES: • Senate Bill 893

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

The Chair is interested in discussing Senate Bill 893 and what the proposed legislation would accomplish.

Background:

Senate Bill 893 was originally introduced on February 18, 2011. Recently proposed amendments to Senate Bill 893 would accomplish the following:

Building upon the existing review system for the Child Welfare System, Senate Bill 893 does the following:

- Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish a system to periodically review the performance of health and human service programs in CA. Must be established by Dec. 1, 2013.
- Requires a workgroup, with broad representation, to design that review system.

Recognizing the outcomes defined in Proposition 63 and the Children System of Care legislation, Senate Bill 893 builds upon and prioritizes outcomes established in statute:

- Outcomes to be monitored must include measures of employment, education, housing and homelessness, health, safety, and criminal justice involvement.

Consistent with best practices around the nation, Senate Bill draws upon the federal Government Results and Accountability Modernization Act to equip the state to improve outcomes:

- Requires the Health and Human Services Agency to put in place a strategy and the tools to identify and promote the replication of best practices.

Recognizing barriers to information sharing as highlighted in public hearings, and consistent with best practices in place in other states, Senate Bill 893 creates a foundation for improving data sharing to guide decision-making.

- Requires the Health and Human Services Agency to establish an information sharing plan to facilitate the elements included above.