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AGENDA ITEM: Update on Proposed Legislation, SB 893

ENCLOSURES:

- Senate Bill 893, as amended 6/20/2011
- Senate Governance and Finance Committee Analysis of SB 893

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

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

Background:

SB 893 (Wolk)

Health and Human Services System Improvement and Accountability Act of 2011.

Existing law establishes the California Health and Human Services Agency within state government, which oversees various health and human services programs, including mental health, substance abuse, adult protective services, and child welfare programs. This bill, the Health and Human Services System Improvement and Accountability Act of 2011, would require the agency to establish, by December 1, 2013, the California Health and Human Services Review System in order to periodically review specified health and human services programs administered by the state and local agencies, as specified. The bill would require the agency convene an advisory workgroup to design and draft a work plan to guide the agency in implementing the system. The bill would require the agency to report specified information to the Legislature. The bill would require the Secretary of California Health and Human Services to establish an information sharing plan to enable the exchange of information among state and local agencies to support the implementation of the California Health and Human Services Review System.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

See the attached bill analysis from the Senate Governance and Finance Committee for a detailed analysis. Since the Legislature is in recess the earliest this bill will be heard is January 2012.