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2023 Legislative Summary

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AB-1262 (Berman) Professional fiduciaries	Watch	Signed Ch. 680

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AB-1584 (Weber) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial	Pending	2-year bill
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SB-21 (Umberg) Civil actions: remote proceedings	Watch	2-year bill
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SB-232 (Niello) Mental health services: gravely disabled	Watch	2-year bill
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SB-345 (Skinner) Health care services: legally protected health care activities	Watch	Signed Ch. 260
SB-363 (Eggman) Facilities for inpatient and residential mental health and substance use disorder: database	Support	2-year bill
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SB-717 (Stern) County mental health services	Watch	Signed Ch. 883
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SB-804 (Dahle) Criminal procedure: hearsay testimony at preliminary hearings	Watch	2-year bill

Primary Bills Signed by the Governor

AB-531 (Irwin) The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023	<p>Includes a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond to build 10,000 new treatment beds and supportive housing units to help serve more than 100,000 people annually. The bond is joined with SB 326 and will jointly be placed on the March 2024 ballot.</p>
SB-326 (Eggman) The Behavioral Health Services Act	<p>Modernizes the Mental Health Services Act to address today's behavioral health system and demand for services. These reforms expand services to include treatment for those with substance use disorders, prioritize care for those with the most serious mental illness</p>
	<p>Signed Ch. 739, Signed Ch. 790 Statutes of 2023</p>
	<p>Governor Newsom Puts Historic Mental Health Transformation on March 2024 Ballot - mwagoner@capagpc.org - CAPAGPC Mail (google.com) California's Mental Health Transformation Overwhelmingly Passes the Legislature California Governor Bold Newsom homeless policies worth trying — with caveats - The San Diego Union-Tribune (sandiegouniontribune.com)</p>
SB-43 (Eggman) Behavioral health	<p>This bill expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to also include a condition in which a person, because of a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder, is unable to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care. The bill would also expand the definition of "gravely disabled," to include the inability for a person to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care because of chronic alcoholism. The bill would authorize counties to defer implementation of these provisions to January 1, 2026.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 673, Statutes of 2023</p>
	<p>Modernizing Conservatorship Law to Better Help & Protect Californians Most in Need of Care California Governor</p>
SB-35 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court Program	<p>Enacts clean up provisions for the Care Court legislation enacted in 2022.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 283, Statutes of 2023</p>

<p>SB-280 (Laird) Review of conservatorships: care plans</p>	<p>This bill, commencing January 1, 2025, would require a conservator, within 120 calendar days of appointment and not later than 10 days before a hearing to determine the continuation or termination of an existing conservatorship, to file a care plan regarding the care, custody, and control of the conservatee.</p> <p>Signed, Chapter 705, Statutes of 2023</p> <p>New Law Aims To Bring More Transparency For Those In Conservatorships (sfgate.com)</p>
<p>AB-248 (Mathis) Individuals with disabilities: The Dignity for All Act</p>	<p>Enacts the Dignity for All Act to make changes to the phrases “mentally retarded persons,” “mentally retarded children,” “retardation,” and “handicap” in current law to eliminate this obsolete terminology.</p> <p>Signed, Chapter 797, Statutes of 2023</p>
<p>AB-386 (Nguyen) California Right to Financial Privacy Act</p>	<p>The California Right to Financial Privacy Act authorizes various state and local agencies, when certification is made to a bank, credit union, or savings association to be furnished a statement with certain information with respect to a customer account for a period of 90 (instead of 30) days before, and up to 60 (instead of 30) days following, the date of occurrence of the alleged illegal act.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 433, Statutes of 2023</p>
<p>AB-1029 (Pellerin) Advance health care directive form</p>	<p>The bill would clarify in the statutory advance health care directive form that the individual’s agent may not consent to a mental health facility or consent to convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, sterilization, or abortion for the individual.</p> <p>Signed, Chapter 171, Statutes of 2023</p>
<p>AB-1089 (Gipson) Firearms</p>	<p>This bill would instead require anybody who uses a three dimensional printer or CNC milling machine to manufacture a firearm to be a state-licensed manufacturer.</p> <p>Signed, Chapter 243, Statutes of 2023</p>

<u>AB-1262 (Berman)</u> <u>Professional fiduciaries</u>	<p>This bill would extend the repeal date of the provisions establishing the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau to January 1, 2028. The bill would specify that only a person who holds a current and active license from the bureau is authorized to identify themselves as a licensed professional fiduciary.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 680, Statutes of 2023</p>
<u>SB-345 (Skinner) Health care services: legally protected health care activities</u>	<p>Among other provisions related to reproductive services, This bill would replace “unborn child” and “unborn person” with “fetus” in Existing law in various contexts including naming unknown defendants in real property actions, allowing a court to appoint a guardian ad litem in probate proceedings, and providing an exception for requiring a personal representative to file an account of the distributions of a decedent's estate.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 260, Statutes of 2023</p>
<u>SB-652 (Umberg)</u> <u>Evidence: expert testimony</u>	<p>This bill creates additional requirements for expert opinions regarding medical causation.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 75 Statutes of 2023</p>
<u>SB-717 (Stern) County mental health services</u>	<p>This bill would require a court to notify an individual of their ongoing need for mental health services if the individual has been found incompetent to stand trial and is not receiving court directed services. The bill would require the court to provide the individual with information, including the name, address, and telephone number of the county behavioral health department.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 883, Statutes of 2023</p>
<u>SB-801 (Stern)</u> <u>California Uniform Directed Trust Act</u>	<p>This bill would enact the California Uniform Directed Trust Act to provide a method for regulating trusts where a person who is not a trustee has been given a role in directing the trust.</p>
	<p>Signed, Chapter 721 Statutes of 2023</p>

Primary Bills Vetoed by the Governor

AB-733 (Fong) Firearms: sale by government entity	<p>This bill would prohibit any state or local government agency or department from selling any firearm, ammunition, or body armor. The bill exempts sales by the public administrator, public guardian, or public conservator in the performance of their duties as personal representative of a decedent's estate.</p>	
	Concerns	Vetoed

Other Primary Legislation

AB-67 (Muratsuchi) Homeless Courts Pilot Program	<p>This bill would create the Homeless Courts Pilot Program, to be administered by the Judicial Council for the purpose of providing comprehensive community-based services to address the specific legal needs of homeless individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system.</p>	
	Watch	2-year bill
AB-280 (Holden) Segregated confinement	<p>This bill requires every jail, prison, public or privately operated detention facility to develop and follow written procedures governing the management of segregated confinement.</p>	
	Watch	2-year bill
AB-512 (Waldron) Mental health and substance use disorders: database of facilities	<p>This bill would require <i>that, by July 1, 2024</i>, the California Health, and Human Services Agency to create an ad hoc committee to study how to develop a real-time, internet-based system to display information about available beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and residential alcoholism or substance abuse treatment facilities.</p>	
	Support	2-year bill
AB-657 (Jackson) Mental Health Services Funding Act	<p>This bill would enact the Mental Health Services Funding Act that would require a distributor to pay a tax upon the distributions of candy at the rate of \$0.05. The bill would require all revenues be deposited into the Candy Tax Fund and would require funds to be distributed to the Mental Health Services Fund.</p>	
	Watch	2-year bill

AB-729 (Bonta) Elder abuse	<p>This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation pertaining to scams targeting vulnerable seniors and their communities.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>2-year bill</p>
AB-1316 (Irwin) Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions	<p>This bill would revise the definition of “psychiatric emergency medical condition” to make that definition applicable regardless of whether the patient is voluntary or is involuntarily detained for evaluation and treatment. The bill would require the Medi-Cal program to cover emergency services and care necessary to treat an emergency medical condition</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>2-year bill</p>
AB-1584 (Weber) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial	<p>This bill would only require the appointment of a second mental health professional if requested by the defendant. The bill would require the evaluating mental health professional to submit a report to the court within 30 days. The bill would also clarify that any statements made by the defendant as part of the evaluation are inadmissible in subsequent proceedings.</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>2-year bill</p>
AB-1624 (Addis) Mental health: patients' rights programs	<p>Makes a minor and non-substantive change to existing law requiring the State Department of State Hospitals and the State Department of Health Care Services to contract with a single nonprofit entity to provide for protection and advocacy services to persons with mental disabilities.</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>2-year bill</p>
SB-21 (Umberg) Civil actions: remote proceedings	<p><i>Existing</i> law authorizes, until July 1, 2023, a party to appear remotely and a court to conduct conferences, hearings, proceedings, and trials in civil cases, in whole or in part, through the use of remote technology. This bill would extend these provisions until January 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>2-year bill</p>

SB-22 (Umberg) Courts: remote proceedings	<p>This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2026, a party to appear remotely and a court to conduct conferences, hearings, proceedings, and trials in specific types of proceedings, including a juvenile court proceeding and an extension of a juvenile commitment through the use of remote technology.</p>		
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SB-45 (Roth) California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund	<p>This bill would establish the California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund to be used to provide loans to qualifying county or city and county applicants for the purpose of building or renovating acute care psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric health facilities, or psychiatric units in general acute care hospitals.</p>		
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SB-63 (Ochoa Bogh) Homeless and Mental Health Court and Transitioning Home Grant Programs	<p>This bill would establish two new grant programs until January 1, 2028: the Homeless and Mental Health Court Grant Program that would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, be administered by the Judicial Council and provide grants to counties for the purpose of establishing or expanding homeless courts and mental health courts.</p>		
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SB-87 (Nguyen) Mental health: involuntary commitment	<p>This bill would extend the period for which a court or jury trial may be continued at the request of counsel for the proposed conservatee from 15 days to 20 days.</p>		
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SB-92 (Umberg) Civil actions	<p>This bill makes minor changes to existing law that specifies procedures to be followed in civil actions.</p>		
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SB-232 (Niello) Mental health services: gravely disabled	<p>This bill would change the definition of "gravely disabled" to read, in part, a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed decisions about, or providing for, their own basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, or medical care without significant supervision and assistance, and, as a result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous worsening of a concomitant serious physical illness, significant psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of essential needs that could result in bodily harm.</p>		
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SB-278 (Dodd) Elder abuse	This bill would add to the definition of “financial abuse” knowingly aiding and abetting in the taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both.	
	Support	2-year bill
SB-363 (Eggman) Database of facilities for mental health treatment	This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Social Services to develop a real-time, database to collect and display information to identify the availability of inpatient and residential mental health or substance use disorder treatment.	
	Support	2-year bill
SB-804 (Dahle) Criminal procedure: hearsay testimony at preliminary hearings	This bill would authorize a law enforcement civilian to testify to the out-of-court statements of declarants offered for the truth of the matter asserted.	
	Watch	2-year bill

2023 Full Bill List

	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 231
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AB-49 (Soria) Affordable housing	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-67 (Muratsuchi) Homeless Courts Pilot Program	Watch	2-year bill
AB-86 (Jones-Sawyer) Statewide Homelessness Coordinator	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-94 (Davies) Public social services: blocked telephone calls.	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-97 (Rodriguez) Firearms: unserialized firearms	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 233
AB-248 (Mathis) Individuals with disabilities: The Dignity for All Act	Watch	Signed Ch. 797
AB-257 (Hoover) Encampments: penalties	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-280 (Holden) Segregated confinement	Watch	2-year bill
AB-283 (Patterson) Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Comm	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-288 (Maienschein) Revocable transfer on death deeds	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 62
AB-301 (Bauer Kahan) Gun violence restraining orders: body armor	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 231

AB-349 (Ramos) Patton State Hospital: lease: housing and mental health services for homeless individuals	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 325
AB-360 (Gipson) Excited delirium	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 431
AB-366 (Petrie Norris) County human services agencies	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-385 (Ta) Alzheimer's disease: public awareness campaign	FYI Only	Failed Passage
AB-386 (Nguyen) California Right to Financial Privacy Act	Support	Signed Ch. 433
AB-387 (Aguiar Curry) Alzheimer's disease	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-423 (Maienschein) Department of Justice: missing persons	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-455 (Quirk-Silva) Firearms: prohibited persons	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 236
AB-459 (Haney) CA Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-512 Mental health and substance use disorders: database of facilities	Support	2-year bill
AB-531 The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023	Support	Signed Ch. 789
AB-550 (Schaivo) Homelessness: point-in-time count results: meetings	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-657 (Jackson) Mental Health Services Funding Act	Watch	2-year bill
AB-677 (Addis) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-726 (Patterson) Information Practices Act of 1977: definitions	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-729 (Bonta) Elder abuse	Watch	2-year bill
AB-733 (Fong) Firearms: sale by government entity	Concerns	<u>Vetoed</u>
AB-751 (Schaivo) Elder abuse	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 18
AB-786 (Bains) Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Education and Support Grant Program	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-799 (Rivas, L.) Homelessness: financing plan	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-845 (Alvarez) Behavioral health: older adults	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-864 (Haney) substance use disorder: telephone system	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-921 (Bonta) Mental health: workforce	FYI Only	2-year bill

AB-947 (Gabriel) CA Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: sensitive personal information	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 551
AB-1001 (Haney) Health facilities: behavioral health response	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1029 (Pellerin) Advance health care directive form	Watch	Signed Ch. 171
AB-1085 (Maienschein) Medi-Cal: housing support services	FYI Only	Vetoed
AB-1089 (Gipson) Firearms	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 243
AB-1147 (Gipson) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023	FYI Only	2-year bill

AB-1214 (Maienschein) Courts: remote technology	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1262 (Berman) Professional fiduciaries	Watch	Signed Ch. 680
AB-1285 (Wicks) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program and Encampment Resolution Funding program	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 727
AB-1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management services	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1316 (Irwin) Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions	Pending	2-year bill
AB-1360 (McCarty) Hope California: Secured Residential Treatment Pilot Program	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 685
AB-1410 (Ta) Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1412 (Hart) Pretrial diversion: borderline personality disorder	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 687
AB-1417 (Wood) Elder and dependent adult abuse: mandated reporting	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 580
AB-1451 (Jackson) Urgent and emergency mental health and substance use disorder treatment	FYI Only	Vetoed
AB-1460 (Bennett) Local government	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1486 (Jones Sawyer) Law enforcement and state agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1499 (Bauer-Kahan) Social services: Coordination of Care for At-Risk Individuals Grant Program	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1507 (Gallagher) Firearms: state property	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1584 (Weber) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial	Pending	2-year bill

AB-1624 (Addis) Mental health: patients' rights programs	Pending	2-year bill
AB-1636 (Santiago) Mental health services	FYI Only	2-year bill
AB-1647 (Soria) Veterans treatment courts: grant program	FYI Only	2-year bill
SB-7 (Blakespear) The Homeless Housing Obligation Act	FYI Only	2-year bill
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SB-87 (Nguyen) Mental health: involuntary commitment	Watch	2-year bill
SB-92 (Umberg) Civil actions	Watch	2-year bill
SB-232 (Niello) Mental health services: gravely disabled	Watch	2-year bill
SB-241 (Min) Firearms: dealer requirements	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 250
SB-246 (Ochoa Bogh) California Interagency Council on Homelessness	FYI Only	2-year bill
SB-255 (Umberg) Courts: notification system	FYI Only	2-year bill
SB-278 (Dodd) Elder abuse	Support	2-year bill
SB-280 (Laird) Review of conservatorships: care plans	Oppose	Signed Ch. 705
SB-326 (Eggman) The Behavioral Health Services Act	Watch	Signed Ch.790
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SB-349 (Roth) Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial	FYI Only	2-year bill
SB-363 (Eggman) Facilities for inpatient and residential mental health and substance use disorder: database	Support	2-year bill

SB-402 (Wahab) Emergency services: limiting police response	FYI Only	2-year bill
SB-522 (Niello) Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act	FYI Only	Signed Ch. 28
SB-652 (Umberg) Evidence: expert testimony	Watch	Signed Ch. 75
SB-717 (Stern) County mental health services	Watch	Signed Ch. 883
SB-801 (Allen) California Uniform Directed Trust Act	Concerns	Signed Ch. 721
SB-804 (Dahle) Criminal procedure: hearsay testimony at preliminary hearings	Watch	2-year bill
SB-875 (Glazer) Referral source for residential care facilities for the elderly: duties	FYI Only	2-year bill