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## Assembly Bill 1443

### Mental Health Technical Assistance Centers

#### **Background**

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The law called for the establishment of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

The role of the Commission is to oversee the implementation of the MHSA. At any time, the Commission may advise the Governor or the Legislature on mental health policy. Among other things, the Commission oversees the Innovative Programs and Prevention & Early Intervention Programs.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission replaced the advisory committee which had been established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5814.

#### **Current Law**

Section 10 of the MHSA (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5845) established the MHSOAC and defined the creation and composition of the Commission. In the past, the commission has been responsible for review and approval of county plans for the Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation Program components of the MHSA.

After the passage of Assembly Bill 100 in March 2011, the role of the Commission shifted from review and approval of county plans to providing training and technical

assistance for county mental health planning as needed. Additionally, the Commission evaluates MHSA-funded programs throughout the State.<sup>2</sup>

When AB 1467 passed in June 2012, the Commission's role of training and technical assistance and evaluation expanded; approval of county Innovation plans by the Commission was also reinstated. The Commission also receives every counties 3-year plans, annual updates, and annual Revenue and Expenditure Reports.<sup>3</sup>

#### **This Bill**

AB 1443 will require the Commission to establish technical assistance centers to support counties in addressing mental health issues that are of statewide concern and establish, with stakeholder input, which mental health issues are of statewide concern. The bill would require costs incurred as a result of complying with those provisions to be paid using existing funds allocated to the commission from the Mental Health Services Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> "Our Work." County Spotlight - Stanislaus | Mental Health Services. March 01, 1970. Accessed March 07, 2019. <http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/our-work-0>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.