

AB 2017 (McCarty, D-Sacramento) College Mental Health Services Program

This bill would, beginning on July 1, 2017, and until January 1, 2022, transfer \$40 million annually from Proposition 63 funds to be used for a grant program for public higher education institutions to improve access to mental health services and early identification or intervention programs. The California Department of Health Care Services and the California Mental Health Services Authority would establish guidelines for grant funding, including:

- The ability of the program to fund the required matching component
- The ability of the campus, in partnership with the local county, to establish direct linkages for students to community-based mental health services for which the students' health coverage makes them eligible, ensuring provider reimbursement
- The ability to participate in evidence based best practice programs for mental health services improvements
- The ability of the campus to serve underserved and vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allied persons; victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse; and veterans
- The ability of the campus to reduce racial disparities in access to mental health services