

April 23, 2019

Senator Jerry Hill, Chair
Committee on Labor, Public Employment & Retirement
1020 N Street, Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 363 (Pan): Workplace safety.
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Senator Hill:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide, strongly supports proposed legislation SB 363 (Pan) requiring facilities operated by the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to report information on violent incidents to the bargaining unit of each employee affected and to the relevant department.

Every individual deserves a reasonable expectation of safety in the place where they work. Documented incidents of violence provide the foundation for workplace violence prevention, allowing us to recognize deficiencies and patterns as the first step to reducing further violence at these work sites. However, aggregate data regarding assaults of state employees in our most challenging and violent state work sites (DSH, CDCR, and DDS) are not readily available.

SB 363 (Pan) would improve worker safety within state hospitals and other state institutions by requiring that specified information on violent incidents be reported to affected employees' collective bargaining units so that proactive steps can be taken to preserve employees' safety.

Pediatricians across the state of California urge an AYE vote on SB 363 (Pan).

Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Richard Pan; AAP-CA Leadership; AAPCA Advocate Lydia Bourne