

Developmental Services Trailer Bill (TBL)

[SB 853](#) (Committee on Budget)

SB 853 is this year's developmental services "Trailer Bill." A summary of this year's TBL is provided here, with reference to the sections of law being changed. All changes will go into effect immediately upon signing by Gov. Brown (by/before July 1, 2018).

- [Welfare & Institutions \(W&I\) Code §4418.7](#) – Clarification that North & South STAR units at Sonoma DC and Fairview DC are defined as “acute crisis homes operated by the department.”
- [W&I Code §4514](#) – Professionals are not legally required to release confidential information about a client if the information was provided by family, unless the family member gives consent. Exceptions provided in cases related to professional misconduct or health and safety. Clients’ Rights Advocates may receive information unless a client objects.
- [W&I Code §4685.8](#) – Additional federal funds for self-determination implementation to be used for independent facilitators at initial meetings, individual choice budget development, joint trainings, and regional center caseload ratios.
- [W&I §4690.2](#) – Regional centers are required to post online their purchase of service policies. For respite services, existing procedures and assessment tools shall also be posted.
- [W&I §7502.5](#) – For potential admissions to the secure treatment facility at Porterville DC, the regional center must notify the regional resource development project, clients’ rights advocate, and the individual (and/or legal guardian). The resource development project must complete an assessment, including options and service/support needs related to community placement.
- [\[no code section\]](#) – Best Buddies to receive \$1.5M in General Fund dollars for FY2018-19.