Position Statement on “Suicide Prevention Bill” AB 526

Register as “Other”

While the intentions of this bill are good, it is not clear it will have a significant impact. This is because training in every mental health profession as well as the continuing education requirements in place already provide more instruction on suicide than this bill would mandate. Secondly, there is concern that this bill may prevent professional boards from incentivizing continuing education on suicide assessment/treatment should they wish, which may actually conflict with the bill’s intent.