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### **AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan D) Mental health: mobile crisis support teams: 988 crisis hotline.**

**Status:** 9/10/2021-**Failed** Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was E. U., & C. on 6/24/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

#### **Summary:**

Current law, the Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act, requires every local public agency, as defined, to have an emergency communication system and requires the digits "911" to be the primary emergency telephone number within the system. Current federal law, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, designates the 3-digit telephone number "988" as the universal number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Veterans Crisis Line maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require 988 centers, as defined, to, by July 16, 2022, provide a person experiencing a behavioral health crisis access to a trained counselor by call and, by January 1, 2027, provide access to a trained counselor by call, text, and chat.

### **AB 1100 (Aguiar-Curry D) Communications service: emergencies and disasters: reports.**

**Status:** 8/27/2021-**Failed** Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/16/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

#### **Summary:**

Would, following a fire- or disaster-related state of emergency or a local emergency declared by the Governor, require the Public Utilities Commission to collect specified information from telecommunications service providers relating to the provider's efforts to repair or replace communications infrastructure that was damaged as a result of the emergency or disaster. The bill would require that the information collected from telecommunications service providers by the commission be broken down by each emergency or disaster and be submitted in a report by the commission to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, and posted in a conspicuous area on the commission's internet website.

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**[AB 1403](#) ([Levine D](#)) Emergency services.**

**Status:** 10/5/2021-**Vetoed** by Governor.

**Summary:**

The California Emergency Services Act authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency when specified conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist, and authorizes the Governor to exercise certain powers in response to that emergency. Current law defines the term "state of emergency" to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a "deenergization event," defined as a planned power outage, as specified, within those conditions constituting a state of emergency.

**[AB 1565](#) ([Committee on Emergency Management](#)) California Emergency Services Act: toll-free telephone hotlines.**

**Status:** 9/10/2021-**Failed** Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was G.O. on 6/30/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Summary:**

Current law requires the Office of Emergency Services to investigate the feasibility of establishing a toll-free 800 telephone hotline, which would be accessible to the public, including deaf, hearing impaired, and non-English speaking persons, for use during nonemergency and emergency periods to respond to inquiries about emergency preparedness and disaster status. This bill would authorize the office to investigate the feasibility of establishing more than one toll-free 800 telephone hotline, and consider the lessons learned and best practices of local governments and other states that established hotlines during the COVID-19 pandemic and other major disasters.

**[SB 52](#) ([Dodd D](#)) State of emergency: local emergency: planned power outage.**

**Status:** 10/6/2021-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 597, Statutes of 2021.

**Summary:**

Defines a 'deenergization event' as a planned power outage, as specified, and

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makes a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a local emergency, with prescribed limitations.

### **SB 341 (McGuire D) Telecommunications service: outages.**

**Status:** 9/30/2021-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 425, Statutes of 2021.

#### **Summary:**

Requires each provider of telecommunications service to maintain on its internet website a public outage map showing that provider's outages, and would require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, on or before July 1, 2022, to adopt by regulation requirements for those maps, as specified. The bill authorizes the office to provide the commission with all of the information provided to it as part of a telecommunications service provider's community isolation outage notification and require the office to aggregate that data and post that aggregated data on its internet website.

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**HR 1250      Emergency Reporting Act (Rep. Matsui, Doris)**

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report on certain activations of the Disaster Information Reporting System (the system through which communications providers report their operational status during times of crisis) and to adopt specified rules related to network outage reporting.

If the system was activated for at least seven days, the FCC must issue a preliminary a report that includes (1) the number and duration of any service outages, (2) the approximate number of users or the amount of infrastructure potentially affected by a service outage, and (3) the number and duration of any outages at public safety answering points (PSAPs) that prevent the PSAPs from receiving and routing emergency calls to emergency service personnel. The FCC must also hold at least one public field hearing in the area affected by the event, and it must issue a final report that includes recommendations on how to improve the resiliency of affected communications or networks recovery efforts.

The FCC must also determine the circumstances under which it shall require certain service providers to notify a PSAP of a communications service disruption that prevents the origination of 9–1–1 calls or the delivery of information that allows the PSAP to identify the number of or locate a 9–1–1 caller. Further, the FCC must require this notification to be made and specify the appropriate timing of the notification.

*Location:    Senate - 07/21/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.*

**HR 1848      (Rep. Pallone)**

This bill would rebuild and modernize the Nation's infrastructure to expand access to broadband and **Next Generation 9-1-1**, rehabilitate drinking water infrastructure, modernize the electric grid and energy supply infrastructure, redevelop brownfields, strengthen health care infrastructure, create jobs, and protect public health and the environment, and for other purposes.

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*Location: House – 03/12/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce*

### **HR 1859 (Rep. Smith, Adam)**

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants to States, territories, political subdivisions of States and territories, Tribal governments, and consortia of Tribal governments to establish an unarmed 911 response program, and for other purposes.

*Location: House – 03/12/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health*

### **S 466 Kelsey Smith Act (Sen. Moran)**

This bill requires a mobile or internet voice service provider to disclose the location information of a device pursuant to certain requests.

Specifically, a provider must disclose this information at the request of an investigative or law enforcement officer (or public safety employee or agent on behalf of such officer) if the officer asserts (1) that the device was used to place a 911 call, or (2) reasonable suspicion that the device is in the possession of an individual who is in an emergency situation.

*Location: House -- 02/25/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

### **S 1175 911 SAVES Act (Sen. Burr)**

To categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System.

*Location: Senate -- 04/15/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Introduced.*