



MEMORANDUM

TO: ASI Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Endorsement #18-03: Assembly Bill 931 (McCarthy) – Suicide Prevention

Purpose of the proposed Endorsement: The purpose of this Endorsement is to show ASI Board of Directors support of “A.B. 931 – Suicide Prevention.” This bill would provide students a resource to educate themselves on suicide prevention and help destigmatize conversations surrounding mental health.

Background: Assembly Bill 931 would add on to existing law – the California Suicide Prevention Act of 2000 – which establishes educational programs about suicide prevention and treatment through the State Department of Health Care Services. The pre-existing act targets junior high and high school students by contracting outside agencies to raise public awareness through educational campaigns; A.B. 931 now allows these programs to also reach out to California community colleges, four-year colleges, and university undergraduate and graduate students.

Requested Action: It is requested that the ASI Board of Directors endorse A.B. 931 – Suicide Prevention. If approved, please forward this endorsement to Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy, Senator Bill Monning, and President Jeffrey D. Armstrong.

Attachment

[\[Assembly Bill 931\]](#)¹

¹ Assembly Bill 931 - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB931