

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1145 (Garcia, Cristina) – Child Abuse: Reportable Conduct - SUPPORT

At its April 26, 2019 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) adopted a SUPPORT position on AB 1145 (Garcia, Cristina). This bill provides for equal treatment of consenting minors under the law regardless of the type of consensual sexual activities they engage in, and for these situations, provides clarity on the requirements of mandatory reporters under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA).

Specifically, this bill revises the definition of sexual assault to no longer include any acts under Penal Code Sections 286 (sodomy), 287 or former Section 288a (oral copulation), and Section 289 (sexual penetration), if committed voluntarily and if there are no indicators of abuse, unless the conduct is between a person 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16 years of age.

For these reasons, the Board asks for your **“Signature”** of AB 1145 (Garcia, Christina). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board’s Central Services Manager, Jason Glasspiegel, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,



Seyron Foo
President, Board of Psychology

cc: Assembly Member Christina Garcia
Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor