

MiraCosta College Police Department

Training Bulletin

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TO: MCPD Personnel
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SUBJECT: *Senate Bill 43 – Expansion of Grave Disability*

Overview

Senate Bill (SB) 43 makes changes to the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act – a California law governing involuntary detention, treatment, and conservatorship of people with behavioral health conditions.

This new statute significantly updates California’s civil detention and conservatorship laws for the first time in more than 50 years, by establishing new diagnostic criteria and by broadening the definition of “grave disability.” The criteria by which people may be civilly detained under the LPS Act includes:

- Danger to self,
- Danger to others, or
- Grave disability.

Existing law, for purposes of involuntary commitment, defines “gravely disabled” as either a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter.

New law as indicated by bold text, SB 43 expands the definition “gravely disabled” to include:

- people with a mental health disorder, **a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder,**
- **and**, who are unable to provide for their basic needs for food OR clothing OR shelter **OR access to necessary medical care OR personal safety.**

View the Jewish Family Service [fact sheet](#) and [video](#) summarizing these changes.

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