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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1323 (Rubio) – As Amended June 18, 2026

Policy Committee:	Health	Vote:	11 - 3
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Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: Yes Reimbursable: Yes

SUMMARY:

This bill requires a health care provider entity inform staff and relevant volunteers on how to respond to requests by a person who is in custody by immigration enforcement to notify a family member or designated support person about their current location. The bill also requires a health care provider entity establish or amend procedures for monitoring, documenting, and receiving visitors, and to post at its main public entrances a “notice to authorities” stating that no person will be permitted access to nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement purposes unless required by state or federal law or pursuant to a valid physical judicial warrant or court order. The bill sunsets on January 1, 2030.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Potential costs of an unknown but likely minor amount to a health care provider entity administered by a county, city, or other local public jurisdiction, to inform staff and volunteers on how to respond to requests in immigration enforcement situations and to establish procedures and post a “notice to authorities” at a facility’s public entrances. These costs are potentially state-reimbursable from the General Fund, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates, should a facility submit a claim.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) anticipates no costs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** This bill is sponsored by the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice. According to the author:

This bill strengthens patient privacy protections and ensures that individuals in ICE custody are treated with dignity while hospitalized. Recent cases show that individuals in ICE custody are sometimes denied access to their loved ones, legal counsel, and support systems while in the hospital. SB 1323...ensures that people in ICE custody can communicate with family members and receive support during medical treatment... Being in custody should not mean being cut off from loved ones or basic human support, particularly during times of illness or injury. Access to communication and care is essential to a patient’s health, safety, and dignity. By clarifying and strengthening

these protections, SB 1323 promotes accountability and ensures that individuals in custody are treated fairly and humanely.

- 2) **Background.** This bill makes two provisions from SB 81 (Arreguín), Chapter 123, Statutes of 2025, mandatory, rather than discretionary: (a) the bill requires a health care provider entity establish or amend procedures for monitoring, documenting, and receiving visitors, rather than requiring the entity to do so “to the extent possible” and (b) the bill requires a health care provider entity to post at its main public entrances a “notice to authorities” stating that no person will be permitted access to nonpublic areas of facility for immigration enforcement purposes, rather than encouraging the entity to post the notices.
- 3) **Related Legislation.** SB 81 prohibits a health care provider entity and its personnel, unless required by state and federal law, from granting access to the nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant or court order and requires a health care provider entity, to the extent possible, establish or amend procedures for monitoring, documenting, and receiving visitors, among other things.

SB 942 (Caballero) establishes the Civil Detainees’ Bill of Rights Act of 2026, enumerating the rights of persons detained for purposes of civil immigration proceedings at any state, county, local, or private locked detention facility in California, requiring facility operators to ensure those rights are protected, and authorizing the Attorney General to bring civil actions to enforce those rights. SB 942 is pending in this committee.

SB 995 (Pérez), the Masuma Khan Justic Act, authorizes CDPH to inspect an involuntary residential facility (IRF) for the purpose of ensuring safe conditions and requires the operator of an IRF to provide access to CDPH for inspection.

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