

## END OF SESSION BUDGET BILL JR. SUMMARY – SB 104

Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments.

### Public Health Nurse Certification Fee Waivers

- Appropriates \$268,000 to the BRN for administration of public health nurse certificate application fees, renewal fees, or both
- Authorizes a transfer of \$6.6 million General Fund upon the order of the Department of Finance to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to backfill waived certificate revenues
- Specifies applicants for a public health nurse certificate who submit to the BRN an otherwise complete application on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2025, shall not be required to pay and the BRN shall not seek to collect certification fees
- Specifies public health nurse certificate holders with certificates expiring on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2026, shall not be required to pay and the BRN shall not seek to collect certification fees
- Specifies funds shall be available for expenditure or encumbrance until June 30, 2029; specifies any unexpended funds shall revert to the General Fund
- Authorizes Department of Finance to revert funds to the General Fund at a date earlier than June 30, 2029

**Note:** CHEAC and California Can't Wait Coalition Advocacy secured three years of waived PHN certification fees in the 2022 Budget Act; an additional appropriation for the third year of waived PHN fees is anticipated in the 2024 Budget Act.