

BSIS STAFF REPORT

April 2026

LICENSING UPDATE

The Licensing Unit is comprised of six Analyst IIs, twelve Analyst Is, six Program Technician IIs (PTII), one Supervisor Program Technician III (SPTIII), and three Staff Services Manager Is (SSMI).

LICENSING POPULATION BY LICENSE TYPE THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2026

License Type	Total
Security Guard	351,170
Firearm Permit	46,827
Baton Permit	21,770
Private Patrol Operator	3,077
Private Patrol Operator Branch	467
Private Patrol Operator Qualified Manager	5,320
Training Facility Firearm	340
Training Facility Baton	161
Training Facility Firearm Instructor	712
Training Facility Baton Instructor	216
Proprietary Private Security Officer	8,543
Proprietary Private Security Officer Employer	677
Alarm Company Employee	12,544
Alarm Company Operator	1,487
Alarm Company Branch	218
Alarm Company Qualified Manager	1,580
Locksmith Employee	1,619
Locksmith Company	2,394
Locksmith Company Branch	29
Repossessor Agency Employee	560
Repossessor Agency	231
Repossessor Agency Qualified Manager	228
Private Investigator	6,352
Private Investigator Branch	122
Private Investigator Qualified Manager Certificate	19,016*
Private Investigator Qualified Manager License	57
Approved Trainer Guard	387
Approved Trainer PSO	145

*lifetime certificates

OUTREACH

On August 27, 2025, the California Association of Licensed Security Agencies, Guards and Associates (CALSAGA) Ambassador Committee hosted a virtual “Coffee Chat.” Assistant Bureau Chief Sam Stodolski, Enforcement Chief Majdi Abdelsalam, and Enforcement Manager Uriel Mora discussed what licensees can expect during a BSIS inspection, including inspection scope, common deficiencies, recordkeeping requirements, best practices for compliance, and answered questions from industry members.

Chief Jensen attended and spoke at the California Alarm Association’s Winter Conference in early December 2025 where complaint information, licensing timelines, and common application deficiencies were reviewed and discussed alongside a question-and-answer session.

On January 22, 2026, representing the BSIS Enforcement Unit, Special Investigators attended the City of Sacramento’s Pubs, Clubs, and Bars (PCB) meeting at Memorial Hall, which included representatives from the Sacramento Police Department, Fire Department, Code Compliance, and the Entertainment Services Division. During the meeting, BSIS Special Investigators provided an overview of BSIS’s role, mission, and regulatory authority, emphasized public protection and compliance requirements for security-related services, and engaged directly with hospitality and nightlife business owners to address licensing and enforcement-related questions.

Chief Jensen and Assistant Chief Stodolski continue to meet regularly with the leadership of the California Association of Licensed Repossessors on issues of importance to the industry.

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

DISCIPLINARY REVIEW UNIT (DRU)

The Disciplinary Review Unit (DRU) is comprised of one Analyst II, two Analyst Is, three MSTs, and one SSMI. DRU staff receive and review Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) including all rap sheets, subsequent arrest notifications, subsequent dispositions (conviction information), and firearm prohibitions from the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

Application denials to date are as follows:

Denial Type (July 1, 2025 – February 25, 2026)	Total
Application Denials (criminal convictions)	2,022
Firearm Permit Denials (DOJ prohibited)	192
Total Denials:	2,214

CASE MANAGEMENT (CM)

Case Management (CM) is comprised of one SSMI (Specialist) who oversees and facilitates the Disciplinary Review Committee program, two Analyst IIs, and one Student Assistant who manages and facilitates all cases referred to the Attorney General's (AG) Office for appeals, denials, and formal discipline. CM analysts also monitor licensees who are placed on probation. Cases currently pending include accusations to begin the disciplinary process, statements of issues denying a license, citation appeals, firearm revocation appeals, and firearm assessment appeals. To date, there are 73 BSIS cases pending at the AG's Office.

COMPLAINT INTAKE/COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

Complaint Intake and Complaint Resolution is comprised of one Analyst II, three Analyst Is, one MST, and one SSMI. The Bureau also recruited two Limited Term SSAs in September to address the increase in workload. Currently, the average number of days for Complaint Intake staff to initiate a complaint is three days from receipt. Complaint Resolution staff currently have 465 pending cases, 213 of which are Incident Reports. Staff have negotiated \$38,713 in savings for California consumers in this fiscal year to date.

ENFORCEMENT

The BSIS Enforcement Unit is composed of nine Analyst IIs, one MST, four Special Investigators (SI) and one SSMI. The Analyst IIs investigate complaints and conduct inspections of Bureau licensees. The average caseload for Enforcement Analyst IIs is 119 complaints and 31 active inspections. Currently, the average number of days to investigate a complaint from initiation to closure is 78 days. Enforcement continues to be active in investigating allegations of unlicensed activity. To date, 26% of pending investigations involve unlicensed activity and 59% of the citations issued this fiscal year have been for unlicensed activity.

Complaints - July 1, 2025 to February 25, 2026		
Private Patrol Operator	1200	42%
Security Guards	991	34%
Repossessor Agency	212	7%
Private Investigator	141	5%
Alarm Company Operator	99	3%
Locksmith Company	93	3%
Proprietary Private Security Employer	67	2%
Proprietary Private Security Officer	19	1%
Firearm Permit	17	1%
Private Patrol Operator Qualified Manager	10	<1%
Training Facility Firearm	8	<1%
Private Investigator Qualified Manager Certificate	3	<1%
Private Investigator Qualified Manager License	3	<1%
Repossessor Agency Employee	3	<1%
Locksmith Employee	3	<1%
Alarm Company Qualified Manager	2	<1%
Training Facility Baton	2	<1%
Training Facility Firearm Instructor	2	<1%

Alarm Company Employee	2	<1%
Baton Permit	2	<1%
Approved Trainer PSO	1	<1%
Repossessor Agency Qualified Manager	1	<1%
Temporary MSP Private Investigator Branch	1	<1%

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

The Bureau has 73.9 permanent, full-time positions (in addition to temporary staff). As of March 6, 2026, the Bureau has an 11% vacancy rate, which equates to eight vacant positions. Management is working to fill all positions as soon as possible.

BUDGET UPDATE

0239 - Bureau of Security Service & Investigations

Analysis of Fund Condition

(Dollars in Thousands)

2026-27 Governor's Budget With FM 8 Projections

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	Actuals	CY	BY	BY +1
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 8,897	\$ 10,135	\$ 12,072	\$ 13,199
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ -4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 8,893	\$ 10,135	\$ 12,072	\$ 13,199
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS				
Revenues				
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 402	\$ 407	\$ 412	\$ 412
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 9,146	\$ 11,045	\$ 11,781	\$ 11,781
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 985	\$ 986	\$ 868	\$ 868
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 7,186	\$ 7,243	\$ 7,787	\$ 7,787
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 512	\$ 400	\$ 556	\$ 582
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 17	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ 21
4171500 - Escheat Unclaimed Property	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
4172500 - Miscellaneous revenues	\$ 22	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Revenues	\$ 18,272	\$ 20,105	\$ 21,404	\$ 21,451
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 18,272	\$ 20,105	\$ 21,404	\$ 21,451
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 27,165	\$ 30,240	\$ 33,476	\$ 34,650
Expenditures:				
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	\$ 15,920	\$ 16,935	\$ 18,783	\$ 19,346
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,494
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 17,030	\$ 18,168	\$ 20,277	\$ 20,840
FUND BALANCE				
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 10,135	\$ 12,072	\$ 13,199	\$ 13,810
Months in Reserve	6.7	7.1	7.6	8.0

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY+1 and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2026 Legislation

1. Assembly Bill 2049 (Alanis)

This bill:

- Would allow a licensed employee of a private patrol operator to carry or use a specified type of BB device while on duty.
- The specific BB device, as defined in Section 16250 of the Penal Code, will require a safety catch or switch, expel only a round nonmetal projectile that is .51 or .68 caliber and weighs under 3.5 grams, expels the projectile at a maximum velocity of 350 feet per second, and has the capability to store at least 5 rounds with one CO2 cartridge.

Status update: This bill has been re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions on March 17, 2026.

2. Senate Bill 1148 (Niello)

This bill:

- Would authorize a security guard registrant to complete not less than thirty-two hours of security officer skills training before or within six months from the date an initial registration is issued. A minimum of sixteen hours of the required thirty-two shall be completed before or within thirty days from the date the registration is issued.

Status update: This bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations on March 23, 2026.

3. Assembly Bill 2485 (Ahrens)

This bill:

- Would require a licensed private investigator to provide a copy of the initial client service agreement and any amendment, addendum, or other modification to the agreement in the preferred language of the client if the client speaks a language other than English.

Status update: This bill was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions on March 17, 2026.

4. Senate Bill 1203 (Smallwood-Cuevas)

This bill:

- Would increase and revise training standards for proprietary and private security guards:
 - Initial Powers to Arrest (PTA) and Appropriate Use of Force (UOF) training will increase from 8 to 16 hours, with additional subjects being labor rights and evidence-based, trauma-informed training. The additional 8 hours comes from the expansion of de-escalation and evidence-based, trauma-informed training to a full 8 hours.
 - Virtual training will be prohibited.
 - Licensees training applicants will be prohibited.
 - Initial training to be completed within 6 months of registration will increase from 32 to 34 hours, with 18 of the 34 hours to be completed within 30 days of registration.
 - Virtual training will be prohibited.
 - Licensees training applicants will be prohibited.
 - 2 of the first 34 hours to be dedicated to employee rights listed in Labor Code.
 - Annual continuing education will increase from 8 to 16 hours with at least 8 hours to include in-person de-escalation and evidence-based, trauma-informed techniques via specific providers.
- Requires proprietary and private security employers to compensate their employees for initial and annual security skills training.
- Compels the Bureau to amend the PTA/UOF Manual to include material on de-escalation skills and techniques while mandating any changes to the Bureau's PTA/UOF training manual be done in conjunction with security guard union(s) and evidence-based trauma-informed trainers, and the Bureau must promulgate regulations with each group.
- Requires the Bureau to create a new licensure category for evidence-based, trauma-informed skills instructors.
- Necessitates the Bureau to promulgate regulations to establish criteria for evaluating whether an organization is a qualifying organization to teach evidence-based, trauma-informed skills.
- Requires the Bureau develop a new course on explicit and implicit bias while using firearms in various settings via regulation and increases the class instruction hours from 8 to 16 for the initial firearms qualification.
- Requires new information to be included in Incident Reports, including demographic and training data.
- Requires the Bureau to publish annually a report compiling data on incident reports, including but not limited to guard training, race, gender, if medical attention was needed, weapons discharges, and other data.
- Introduces new violations for training citations up to \$10,000 per violation.

- Requires the Industrial Welfare Commission to issue wage orders for private security and to make any other determinations about hours and conditions of employment.

Status update: This bill was amended and re-referred to the Senate Rules Committee on March 23, 2026.

5. Senate Bill 1356 (Ashby)

This bill:

- Would make non-substantive changes to the provisions within the Proprietary Security Services Act.

Status update: This bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee on March 4, 2026.

UPDATE ON ENACTED OR PENDING REGULATIONS

1. Exam Application Repeal, Terminology, and Training-related Updates – California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 7, Sections 601-643
 - The regulation package has been submitted and is currently available for public comment until March 24, 2026. A [notice](#) has been posted on the Bureau’s website.
2. Disciplinary and Denial Guidelines – California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 7, Section 610
 - The regulation package is approaching the production phase. A notice will be posted on the Bureau’s website when it is released for publication.