

NBHP Bill Tracker

CHILDREN'S/SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 18	Price	Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs, state and regional programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel.	Makes several changes to school mental health initiatives, including: moving the current school employee mental health training statute into the Education Code; requires that strategies for improving student performance in the district improvement plan include positive behavior interventions and supports and comprehensive school counseling; requires that continuing education requirements for teachers and principals include instruction regarding diverse populations, including students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse; also requires continuing education for principals to include implementing comprehensive school counseling program and mental health programs for students with mental health conditions; allows educators to receive continuing education credit for twice as many hours of mental health first aid instruction received, up to 16 hours (Companion to SB 913)	Passed House, Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
HB 19	Price	Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.	Based upon funding received, requires a local mental health authority to employ a licensed behavioral health professional that is housed in a Regional Education Service Center to provide behavioral health training and resources for school districts in the region.	Passed House, Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
HB 198	Thierry	Relating to providing mental health services and mental health education to public school students at school-based health centers.	Explicitly includes mental health as an additional service that can be provided by school-based health centers; requires that the Board of Trustees appoint at least one licensed mental health provider to any established local health education and school health advisory council (Companion to SB 2282)	Left Pending in House Public Education	Support
HB 204	Thierry	Relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health in the required curriculum for public school students.	Requires mental health instruction to be added to the health curriculum in public schools (Companion to SB 2281)	Left Pending in House Public Education	Monitor
HB 906	Thompson, Senfronia	Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.	Creates the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services to evaluate mental health services that are funded by competitive grants and provided in a school district to students, parents or employees of the district (Companion to SB 992)	Set for House Floor Debate, 4/23/19	Support

HB 1069	Price	Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs, state and regional programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel.	Makes several changes to school mental health initiatives, including: moving the current school employee mental health training statute into the Education Code; requiring that strategies for improving student performance in the district improvement plan include positive behavior interventions and supports and comprehensive school counseling; require that continuing education requirements for teachers and principals include instruction regarding diverse populations, including students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse; also requires continuing education for principals to include implementing comprehensive school counseling program and mental health programs for students with mental health conditions; allows educators to receive continuing education credit for twice as many hours of mental health first aid instruction received, up to 16 hours (Identical to HB 18)	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1072	Price	Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.	Based upon funding received, requires a local mental health authority to employ a licensed behavioral health professional that is housed in a Regional Education Service Center to provide behavioral health training and resources for school districts in the region (Similar to HB 19).	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1312	Moody	Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.	Requires HHSC to allow school districts to enroll as a Medicaid provider in order to provide and receive reimbursement for mental health services provided to students with Medicaid; requires a local mental health authority that provides on-campus services, at the request of a student's parent or guardian; to provide information regarding services provided to the student's primary care physician	Committee Substitute passed House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1335	Price	Relating to the establishment of school-based behavioral health centers by school districts and a grant program administered by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission for the operation of those centers.	Allows a school district to create a school-based behavioral health center to provide behavioral health services to students and their families; allows the behavioral health center to be integrated with a school-based health center; requires the Commissioner of Education to administer a grant program to which school districts can apply for funding (Companion to SB 2003)	Committee substitute passed House Public Health	High Priority

HB 1467	Talarico	Relating to a mental health professional to school law enforcement official ratio for public schools.	Requires school districts to maintain a school law enforcement officer to mental health professional ratio on campus of: 4 mental health professionals per law enforcement officer for school districts with more than 5,000 students; 3 mental health professionals per law enforcement officer for school districts with between 500 and 5,000 students; and 2 mental health professional per law enforcement officer for school district with less than 500 students (Companion to SB 1878)	Left Pending in House Public Education 3/26/19	Monitor
HB 1468	Talarico	Relating to the creation of a task force to examine the effectiveness of school counseling programs provided for students enrolled in public schools.	Establishes the Public School Mental Health Task Force--comprised of 25 individuals, including mental health professionals, district superintendents and regional education service center staff with experience in school counseling--to examine the effectiveness of school counseling programs	Committee Substitute passed House Public Education	Monitor
HB 1623	Coleman	Relating to training for public school personnel to identify and intervene if a student suffers from behavioral health issues.	Requires staff development suicide prevention and trauma training for public school personnel at least once every five years; requires teachers, counselors, principals and all other counselors to receive training in recognizing and effectively responding to signs of trauma among students	Committee substitute passed House Public Education	High Priority
HB 2095	Coleman	Relating to the availability of certain behavioral health professionals at certain public schools.	Allows the Commissioner of Education to provide additional funding for school districts to hire, or contract with an organization to provide, licensed behavioral health professionals; requires a campus behavior coordinator, after receiving a referral from a teacher and after consultation with a student's parents, to refer the student to the licensed behavioral health professional or other services available in the community	Referred to House Public Education	Support
HB 2145	Turner, John	Relating to continuing education requirements for public educators regarding suicide prevention training.	Requires staff development suicide prevention training for all educators at least once every five years	Referred to House Public Education	Monitor
HB 2994	Talarico	Relating to mental health training for public school educators.	Requires the Commissioner of Education to develop training materials and resources that school districts can use to help educators develop expertise in assisting students with mental health needs	Left Pending House Public Education 3/26/19	Monitor
HB 2997	Talarico	Relating to suicide prevention training for certain public school employees and public school mental health related programs and the applicability of related immunity provisions.	Requires school districts and open enrollment charter schools to require all employees who regularly interact with students to receive suicide prevention training each year	Committee substitute passed House Public Education	Support

HB 3235	Ramos	Relating to staff development requirements for public educators regarding suicide prevention training.	Requires staff development suicide prevention training for public school personnel at least once every five years	Passed House Public Education	Monitor
HB 3411	Allison	Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.	Requires the State Board of Education to develop Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to address suicide prevention; requires school health advisory committees to make recommendations regarding the inclusion of suicide prevention in school strategies and curriculum	Left Pending in House Public Education 3/26/19	Support
HB 3429	Allison	Relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health, suicide prevention, bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment in the required curriculum for public school students.	Requires mental health instruction to be added to the health curriculum in public schools, as well as adding Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills that address the criminal consequences of bullying, cyberbullying and harassment	Referred to House Public Education	Monitor
HB 3825	Johnson, Julie	Relating to mental health training for public school educators.	Requires the Commissioner of Education to approve a mental health training course of at least 4 hours that educators must complete prior to the first day of classes	Referred to House Public Education	Monitor
HB 3888	Ramos	Relating to a school district's plan for parental involvement concerning mental health and substance use issues and suicide prevention.	Requires public schools to build curriculum which include strategies for parental awareness concerning mental health and substance abuse issues and suicide prevention, that includes resources and programs for parents to access.	Set for Hearing in House Public Education 4/23/19	Monitor
HB 4033	Dominguez	Relating to the employment of certain mental health professionals at a public school campus.	Requires a school district with at least 500 students to employ a licensed mental health professional for every 500 students; requires a school district with less than 500 students to make mental health services available through hiring a part-time mental health professional	Referred to House Public Education	Support
HB 4193	Allison	Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.	Requires the State Board of Education to develop Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to address suicide prevention; requires school health advisory committees to make recommendations regarding the inclusion of suicide prevention in school strategies and curriculum (companion to SB 1390)	Referred to House Public Education	Support
HB 4414	Allison	Relating to identification and development of mental health resources for students.	Requires the Texas Education Agency to develop a list of statewide resources available to school districts to address student mental health and to create a rubric through which Regional Education Centers can identify mental health resources and develop a list of those available in their respective regions; Requires TEA to develop a statewide plan to ensure all students have access to adequate mental health resources (Companion to SB 1563)	Set for Hearing in House Public Education, 4/23/17	Support

HB 4454	Rodriguez	Relating to the adoption of social and emotional learning standards for public school educational programs.	Requires the State Board of Education to develop developmentally appropriate, evidence-based standards for social and emotional learning to be provided in educational programs in school districts	Passed House Public Education	Monitor
SB 11	Taylor	Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools; making an appropriation.	Makes several improvements to school mental health and safety, including: requires a local mental health authority to employ a licensed behavioral health professional that is housed in a Regional Education Service Center to provide behavioral health training and resources for school districts in the region; expands the composition and responsibilities of local School Safety and Security Committees; requires each school district to establish a threat assessment team; requires each school district to develop and implement a trauma-informed policy and to include it in the district improvement plan; creates a loan repayment assistance program for eligible school counselors	Committee Substitute passed Senate Education	Monitor
SB 856	Lucio	Relating to the establishment of the student mental health division within the Texas Education Agency.	Establishes a student mental health division within the Texas Education Agency to build a statewide school-community partnership with an array of community-based providers to increase the success of students with mental health needs	Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
SB 913	Watson	Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs, state and regional programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel.	Makes several changes to school mental health initiatives, including: moving the current school employee mental health training statute into the Education Code; requiring that strategies for improving student performance in the district improvement plan include positive behavior interventions and supports and comprehensive school counseling; require that continuing education requirements for teachers and principals include instruction regarding diverse populations, including students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse; also requires continuing education for principals to include implementing comprehensive school counseling program and mental health programs for students with mental health conditions; allows educators to receive continuing education credit for twice as many hours of mental health first aid instruction received, up to 16 hours (Companion to HB 913)	Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
SB 914	Watson	Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.	Based upon funding received, requires a local mental health authority to employ a licensed behavioral health professional that is housed in a Regional Education Service Center to provide behavioral health training and resources for school districts in the region (Companion to HB 19).	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor

SB 992	Powell	Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.	Creates the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services to evaluate mental health services that are funded by competitive grants and provided in a school district to students, parents or employees of the district (Companion to HB 906)	Referred to Senate Education	Support
SB 1390	Menéndez	Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.	Requires the State Board of Education to develop Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to address suicide prevention; requires school health advisory committees to make recommendations regarding the inclusion of suicide prevention in school strategies and curriculum (companion to HB 4193)	Left Pending in Senate Education	Support
SB 1563	Lucio	Relating to identification and development of mental health resources for students.	Requires the Texas Education Agency to develop a list of statewide resources available to school districts to address student mental health and to create a rubric through which Regional Education Centers can identify mental health resources and develop a list of thus available in their respective regions; Requires TEA to develop a statewide plan to ensure all students have access to adequate mental health resources (Companion to HB 4414)	Referred to Senate Education	Support
SB 1878	West	Relating to a mental health professional to school law enforcement official ratio for public schools.	Requires school districts to maintain a school law enforcement officer to mental health professional ratio on campus of: 4 mental health professionals per law enforcement officer for school districts with more than 5,000 students; 3 mental health professionals per law enforcement officer for school districts with between 500 and 5,000 students; and 2 mental health professional per law enforcement officer for school district with less than 500 students (Companion to HB 1467)	Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
SB 1893	Taylor	Relating to a trauma-informed care policy for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.	Requires school districts to include within a district improvement plan a trauma-informed care policy that includes increasing staff and parent awareness of trauma-informed care and implementation of trauma-informed practices by staff	Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
SB 2003	Whitmire	Relating to the establishment of school-based behavioral health centers by school districts and a grant program administered by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission for the operation of those centers.	Allows a school district to create a school-based behavioral health center to provide behavioral health services to students and their families; allows the behavioral health center to be integrated with a school-based health center; requires the Commissioner of Education to administer a grant program to which school districts can apply for funding (Companion to HB 1335)	Referred to Senate Education	High Priority

SB 2281	West	Relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health in the required curriculum for public school students.	Requires mental health instruction to be added to the health portion of the health curriculum in public schools (Companion to HB 204)	Referred to Senate Education	Monitor
SB 2282	West	Relating to providing mental health services and mental health education to public school students at school-based health centers.	Explicitly includes mental health as an additional service that can be provided by school-based health centers; requires that the Board of Trustees appoint at least one licensed mental health provider to any established local health education and school health advisory council (Companion to HB 198)	Left Pending in Senate Education	Support

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT/LEGAL

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 544	Nevárez	Relating to the unlawful possession of a firearm by persons who are subject to certain judicial determinations; creating a criminal offense.	Makes it a Class A Misdemeanor to possess a gun for: 1) persons court-ordered to receive inpatient mental health services; 2) persons with IDD who are committed for long-term placement in a residential facility; 3) persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity; 3) persons found incompetent to stand trial; and 4) incapacitated persons for whom a guardian has been appointed	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence	Monitor
HB 818	Cole	Relating to the release by a peace officer of certain individuals suspected of the offense of public intoxication.	Allows a peace officer to take an individual suspected of public intoxication to a sobering center with verbal consent of the individual (Companion to SB 306)	Referred to House Homeland Security & Public Safety	Support
HB 830	Israel	Relating to the release by a peace officer of certain individuals suspected of the offense of public intoxication.	Allows a peace officer to take an individual suspected of public intoxication to a sobering center with verbal consent of the individual (Identical to HB 818).	Set Aside for Companion in House Security & Public Safety	Support
HB 1320	Moody	Relating to the operation of, participation in, and effects of successful completion of a mental health court program.	After a defendant's successful completion of a mental health court program and a determination that dismissal is in the best interest of justice, allows a trial court to enter an order of expunction on behalf of the defendant (Companion to SB 2396).	Passed House Criminal Jurisprudence	Monitor

HB 2168	Allen	Relating to a trauma history assessment for certain defendants and inmates.	Requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and County Community Supervision to assess all inmates for adverse childhood experiences or other trauma and to refer them, as needed, for appropriate treatment	Committee substitute passed House Corrections	Monitor
HB 2405	Bowers	Relating to education and training for peace officers regarding trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with homeless individuals.	Requires law enforcement officers, by their second anniversary after licensing, to complete a statewide comprehensive education and training program regarding trauma-informed techniques to help facilitate interactions with the homeless community and connect them with available resources.	Left Pending in House Homeland Security & Public Safety	Monitor
HB 2688	Metcalf	Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.	Allows a County Commissioners Court to establish a juvenile family drug court for individuals who reside in the home of a juvenile-justice involved youth and are suspected by the Court or the Department of Family and Protective Services of having a substance abuse problem (Companion to SB 997)	Left Pending in House Juvenile Justice & Family Issues	Support
HB 3409	Reynolds	Relating to requirements for training regarding trauma for judges, prosecuting attorneys, correctional officers, and law enforcement officers.	Requires the Court of Criminal Appeals to adopt rules requiring district judges, county court judges, and statutory county court judges to take at least 8 hours of trauma training within their first term of office; requires the Court of Criminal Appeals to provide trauma training to prosecutors; requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to require all correctional officers to complete at least 8 hours of trauma training within their first 24 months of employment	Set for Hearing in House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, 4/23/19	Monitor
HB 3617	Reynolds	Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion and crisis stabilization unit pilot program.	Authorizes the Department of State Health Services, in conjunction with the Fort Bend County Judge, to implement a pilot program to provide short-term residential treatment in a crisis stabilization unit for between 50 and 100 persons with mental illness each year who are incarcerated in the Fort Bend County Jail or at risk of incarceration	Referred to House Corrections	High Priority
HB 3620	Reynolds	Relating to the creation of a mental health treatment for incarceration diversion pilot program.	Requires HHSC and the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to implement a pilot program to provide mental health treatment using the Critical Time Intervention model for between 10 and 20 persons with mental illness each year	Passed out of House Corrections	High Priority

HB 4559	Fierro	Relating to access to a county jail prisoner's health benefits coverage information for mental health service providers.	Requires the Commission on Jail Standards to adopt procedures allowing a local mental health authority or mental health other provider that treats inmates in a county jail, to collect inmate health insurance coverage information for the purposes of requiring the insurer to pay for the services (Companion to SB 593)	Left Pending in House County Affairs	Monitor
SB 306	Watson	Relating to the release by a peace officer of certain individuals suspected of the offense of public intoxication.	Allows a peace officer to take an individual suspected of public intoxication to a sobering center with verbal consent of the individual (companion to HB 818).	Sent to the Governor	Support
SB 593	Rodríguez	Relating to access to a county jail prisoner's health benefits coverage information for mental health service providers.	Requires the Commission on Jail Standards to adopt procedures allowing a local mental health authority or mental health other provider that treats inmates in a county jail, to collect inmate health insurance coverage information for the purposes of requiring the insurer to pay for the services (Companion to HB 4559)	Referred to Senate Criminal Justice	Monitor
SB 997	Creighton	Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.	Allows a County Commissioners Court to establish a juvenile family drug court for individuals who reside in the home of a juvenile-justice involved youth and are suspected by the Court or the Department of Family and Protective Services of having a substance abuse problem (Companion to HB 2688)	Referred to Senate Criminal Justice	Support
SB 2396	Menéndez	Relating to the operation of, participation in, and effects of successful completion of a mental health court program.	After a defendant's successful completion of a mental health court program and a determination that dismissal is in the best interest of justice, allows a trial court to enter an order of expunction on behalf of the defendant (Companion to HB 1320)	Referred to Senate Criminal Justice	Monitor

HOUSING

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 1465	Moody	Relating to a study on expanding recovery housing in this state.	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study regarding opportunities, challenges, and the need for expanding recovery housing through focus groups, site visits, scholarly research, and interviews with subject matter experts.	Passed the House, Referred to Senate HHS	High Priority
HB 3969	Furr	Relating to municipal regulation of structured sober living homes.	Allows municipalities to regulate sober living homes, including requiring them to supervise residents during all hours of operation and maintaining an operation plan to facilitate the rehabilitative process	Left Pending in House Urban Affairs	Monitor

HB 4224	Reynolds	Relating to a study to evaluate state and local regulation of group homes.	Requires HHSC to conduct a study of state and federal laws regulating assisted living facilities, boarding homes, and other community homes, including whether additional local and/or state enforcement authority of these homes is needed	Let Pending in House Human Services	Monitor
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SUICIDE/TRAUMA/SUBSTANCE USE/OTHER PREVENTION

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 471	Thierry	Relating to required suicide prevention training for certain health care practitioners.	Requires suicide prevention training for physicians, chiropractors, physician assistants, nurses, physical & occupational therapists, and licensed mental health professionals prior to renewal of their licenses	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 822	Parker	Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.	Requires HHSC, in collaboration with other state agencies, to analyze data related to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and develop a 5-year strategic plan to prevent and address ACEs (Companion to SB 1353)	Referred to House Public Health	High Priority
HB 1578	Thierry	Relating to establishing the Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Task Force.	Establishes a Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Task Force to study the advantages and disadvantages of having a statewide mental health crisis line to help treat mental health crises and prevent suicides	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 2693	Thierry	Relating to the establishment of a grant program to enhance community-based suicide prevention efforts.	Creates a community-based suicide prevention grant program to provide grants to quasi-government and nonprofits entities that establish suicide prevention efforts with a focus on statewide partnership building and sharing best practices	Referred to House Public Health	High Priority
HB 3285	Sheffield	Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent opioid addiction, misuse, and abuse in this state.	Requires the Executive Commissioner of HHSC to implement a statewide opioid misuse public awareness campaign and to establish a program to provide opioid antagonists for the prevention of opioid overdoses, including providing them to emergency service personnel, law enforcement agencies and others who may be in a position to respond to overdoses; establishes a Opioid Prescription Work Group to assist the Executive Commissioner in developing strategies and programs to reduce opioid misuse	Left Pending in House Public Health	Support
HB 3980	Hunter	Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.	Requires the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to create a summary report that assesses statewide suicide data to help determine appropriate state and regional measures to address and decrease suicide rates (Companion to SB 1176).	Committee substitute passed House Public Health, 4/10/19	Monitor

HB 4183	Parker	Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.	Requires HHSC, in collaboration with other state agencies, to analyze data related to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and develop a 5-year strategic plan to prevent and address ACEs	Passed out of House Public Health	High Priority
HB 4260	Cortez	Relating to the possession and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector by certain entities.	Requires HHSC to adopt a policy allowing certain public venues-- such as amusement parks, day care and youth center and camps, restaurants and sports venues--to maintain epinephrine auto-injectors (companion to SB 839)	Committee Substitute passed House Public Health	Monitor
SB 355	West	Committee substitute passed House Public Health, 4/10/19+A80:D80	Requires the Department of Family and Protective Services develops a strategic plan to ensure that prevention and early intervention services align with the federal Family Services Prevention Act, including identifying a network of mental health and substance use disorder service and in-home parenting providers to provide services for children at-risk of entering foster care, their parents, and pregnant or parenting youth in foster care	Passed Senate, Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
SB 839	Lucio	Relating to the possession and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector by certain entities.	Requires HHSC to adopt a policy allowing certain public venues-- such as amusement parks, day care and youth center and camps, restaurants and sports venues--to maintain epinephrine auto-injectors (Companion to HB 4260)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 1112	Lucio	Relating to the study and prevention of opioid overdoses occurring in this state.	Requires the Department of State Health Services to conduct an ongoing study of opioid overdoses in the state; requires DSHS to develop a state plan to prevent opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths within the most vulnerable populations and most affected regions	Referred to Senate HHS	Support
SB 1176	Menéndez	Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.	Requires the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to create a summary report that assesses statewide suicide data to help determine appropriate state and regional measures to address and decrease suicide rates	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 1353	Powell	Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.	Requires HHSC, in collaboration with other state agencies, to analyze data related to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and develop a 5-year strategic plan to prevent and address ACEs (Companion to HB 822)	Referred to Senate HHS	High Priority
SB 1573	Alvarado	Relating to a public awareness campaign on firearm safety and suicide prevention.	Requires the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a firearm and suicide prevention public awareness campaign	Referred to Senate Criminal Justice	Monitor

MEDICAID/OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE EXPANSION

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 241	Farrar, et. Al	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage	Referred to House Human Services	High Priority
HB 411	Thierry	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage (Identical to HB 241)	Referred to House Human Services	High Priority
HB 501	Thompson, Senfronia	Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child.	Requires that large employer health benefit plans provide coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child	Passed out of House Insurance	Monitor
HB 565	Coleman	Relating to healthcare coverage in this state.	Allows individuals under 19 years of age who have SSI or are in foster care and are in households under 100% FPL to receive benefits through the Medicaid Acute care Program; requires HHSC to develop a plan to reform Medicaid long-term service and supports; requires HHSC, in collaboration with the Texas Dep. of Insurance, to seek a federal waiver to create a program using federal matching funds to connect low-income Texans to health care coverage through private market solutions.	Left Pending in House Insurance	Monitor
HB 590	Israel	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	Expands Medicaid coverage as authorized under the ACA; requires annual reporting on the impact of the expansion	Referred to House Appropriations	Support
HB 610	Walle	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage (Identical to HB 241)	Referred to House Human Services	High Priority
HB 744	Rose, et. al	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage (Identical to HB 241)	Left Pending in House Human Services	High Priority
HB 816	Bernal	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	Requires the HHSC Commissioner, at the request of a County, to apply for a waiver on behalf of the County to expand Medicaid coverage to eligible populations on the ACA	Referred to House Human Services	Support
HB 840	Bucy	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	Expands Medicaid coverage as authorized under the ACA; requires annual reporting on the impact of the expansion (Identical to HB 590)	Referred to House Appropriations	Support

HB 1110	Davis, Sarah et. al	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women up to one year after delivery	Committee Substitute passed House Human Services	High Priority
HB 1179	Beckley	Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment.	Establishes a Medicaid buy-in program for persons whose Medicaid coverage is being terminated solely because of an increase in income due to employment	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
HB 1210	Beckley	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties.	Requires the HHSC Commissioner, at the request of a County, to apply for a waiver on behalf of the County to expand Medicaid coverage to eligible populations on the ACA	Referred to House Human Services	Support
HB 1913	Rosenthal	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are available.	Expands Medicaid coverage to all persons who are eligible under the ACA	Referred to House Appropriations	Support
HB 2308	Beckley	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are available.	Expands Medicaid coverage to all persons who are eligible under the ACA (Identical to HB 1913)	Referred to House Appropriations	Support
HB 3698	Munoz, Jr.	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties.	Requires the HHSC Commissioner, at the request of a County, to apply for a waiver on behalf of the County to expand Medicaid coverage to eligible populations on the ACA	Referred to House Human Services	Support
HB 3675	Dutton	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain working parents for whom federal matching funds are available.	Requires HHSC to provide Medicaid coverage to working parents of dependents for whom federal matching funds are available	Referred to Appropriations	Monitor
HJR 46	Bucy	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	A constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand Medicaid coverage to all persons eligible under the ACA (Identical to HJR 40)	Referred to House Appropriations	Monitor
HJR 92	Reynolds	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	A constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand Medicaid coverage to all persons eligible under the ACA (Identical to HJR 40)	Referred to House Appropriations	Monitor
SB 107	Menéndez	Relating to coverage for serious mental illness under certain group health benefit plans.	Requires large employer health plans to provide coverage for post-traumatic stress disorder	Referred to Senate Business & Commerce	Monitor

SB 147	Rodríguez	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women up to one year after delivery or a miscarriage (companion to HB 241)	Referred to Senate HHS	High Priority
SB 307	Watson	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women for behavioral health services after a pregnancy.	Requires HHSC to provide behavioral health services to eligible pregnant women for the 12 month period following delivery or a miscarriage (companion to HB 241)	Referred to Senate HHS	High Priority
SB 308	Watson	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	Extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage, but phases it in by extending it 4 months in the first fiscal year after the effective date and by 8 months in the second fiscal year after the effective date	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 314	Zaffirini	Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child.	Requires that large employer health benefit plans provide coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child (companion to HB 501).	Referred to Senate Business & Commerce	Monitor
SB 327	Alvarado	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	Requires the HHSC Commissioner, at the request of a County, to apply for a waiver on behalf of the County to expand Medicaid coverage to eligible populations on the ACA (companion to HB 816)	Referred to Senate HHS	Support
SB 524	Johnson	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	Expands Medicaid coverage as authorized under the ACA; requires annual reporting on the impact of the expansion (companion to HB 590)	Referred to Senate HHS	Support
SB 1321	Miles	Relating to a "Texas solution" to reforming and addressing issues related to the Medicaid program, including the creation of an alternative program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage to certain low-income individuals through the private marketplace; requiring a fee.	Creates the framework within which Texas must operate the Medicaid program if the federal government establishes, of Texas is granted a waiver for, a block grant funding system for the program; Allows individuals under 19 years of age who have SSI or are in foster care and are in households under 100% FPL to receive benefits through the Medicaid Acute care Program; requires HHSC to develop a plan to reform Medicaid long-term service and supports	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 1839	West	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain veterans and their families.	Requires HHSC to provide Medicaid coverage for veterans, their spouses, and their children for whom federal matching funds are available	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 2218	Zaffirini	Relating to coverage for serious mental illness, other disorders, and chemical dependency under certain health benefit plans.	Applies current insurance coverage requirements for serious mental illness and chemical dependency to individual, blanket and other health plan types	Referred to Senate Business & Commerce	Monitor
SJR 34	Johnson	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	A constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand Medicaid coverage to all persons eligible under the ACA (companion to HJR 40)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor

MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION/REIMBURSEMENT/SERVICES

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 220	Garvin-Hawkins	Relating to reimbursement of health care providers under Medicaid.	Requires HHSC to develop a process by which providers can negotiate with MCOs to be reimbursed at "fair market" rates	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
HB 342	Cortez	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	Extends continuous Medicaid coverage from 6 months to 12 months for children enrolled in the program (Companion to SB 637)	Left Pending in House Human Services	Monitor
HB 829	Rose	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	Extends continuous Medicaid coverage from 6 months to 12 months (Identical to HB 342)	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
HB 870	Price	Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.	Requires that HHSC ensure MCOs do not deny reimbursement to a provider for providing a telehealth service solely because it is not an in-person consultation; also strikes the requirement that a health care professional be present with the patient/client when the telehealth service is being provided	Committee substitute passed House Public Health, 4/3/19	Monitor
HB 1613	Moody	Relating to the provision of recovery community organization services under Medicaid.	Requires HHSC to adopt rules to provide Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by Recovery Community Organizations	Left Pending in House Human Services	Monitor
HB 2080	Coleman	Relating to family partners, family partner peer support services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.	Creates a state workgroup to adopt rules for the training and certification of family partners, as well as the scope of services they can provide, under the Medicaid program.	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
HB 2368	Miller	Relating to access to and the provision of behavioral and mental health care services and trauma-informed care in the Medicaid managed care program.	Requires HHSC to explicitly include outcomes-based performance measures for behavioral health services within its value-based contracts with health maintenance organizations; requires the HHSC contracts with managed care organizations for Medicaid STAR Health to include a provision requiring trauma-informed care training for mental health providers	Left Pending in House Human Services, 3/26/19	Monitor
HB 2453	Davis, Sarah	Relating to the operation and administration of Medicaid, including the Medicaid managed care program.		Left Pending in House Human Services	Monitor

HB 2600	Coleman	Relating to coverage for certain services relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs.	Extends Medicaid coverage to pregnant women of at least 12 months after delivery and requires that mental health services be provided as well as screening and treatment for postpartum depression; requires that the covered services under the CHIP perinatal program include screening and treatment for postpartum depression for covered women for 12 months after delivery	Left Pending in House Public Health	Monitor
HB 2774	Lozano	Relating to the provision of behavioral health services for certain persons under the medical assistance program.	Requires HHSC to provide Medicaid behavioral health services for individuals with serious mental illness between the ages of 20 and 65 who have been arrested at least once	Left Pending in House Human Services	Monitor
HB 3286	Sheffield	Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment for opioid or substance use disorder.	Requires HHSC to allow for Medicaid reimbursement to licensed providers for providing medication-assisted treatment without the need for preauthorization or precertification.	Left Pending in House Human Services	Monitor
HB 3673	Klick	Relating to the enrollment and reimbursement of psychological associates under Medicaid.	Requires the HHSC Commissioner to establish a separate licensure type that would allow psychological associates to enroll in Medicaid and be reimbursed for providing services without being under the supervision of a licensed psychologist	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
SB 637	Zaffirini	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	Extends continuous Medicaid coverage from 6 months to 12 months for children enrolled in the program (Companion to HB 342)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 670	Buckingham	Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.	Requires that HHSC ensure MCOs do not deny reimbursement to a provider for providing a telehealth service solely because it is not an in-person consultation; also strikes the requirement that a health care professional be present with the patient/client when the telehealth service is being provided (Companion to HB 870)	Passed the Senate, Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
SB 1177	Menéndez	Relating to offering certain evidence-based practices in lieu of other mental health services by a Medicaid managed care organization.	Requires HHSC to grant Medicaid Managed Care organizations flexibility to offer cost-effective, evidence-based practices in lieu of mental health services specified in the state Medicaid plan; requires HHSC to take the costs of these services into consideration when setting the MCO capitation rate	Left Pending in Senate HHS	Monitor
SB 1564	West	Relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Medicaid.	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to amend Medicaid policy to allow reimbursement for the prescribing of buprenorphine by certain advanced practice registered nurses	Passed the Senate, referred to House Human Services	Monitor

SB 1807	Rodriguez	Relating to the provision of recovery community organization services under Medicaid.	Requires HHSC to adopt rules to provide Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by Recovery Community Organizations (Companion to HB 1613)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 517	Israel, et. al	Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.	Requires disciplinary action against any mental health provider who provides professional therapy or counseling services to a child with the intent to change that child's sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and eliminating or reducing the child's sexual or romantic attractions towards individuals of the same sex (Companion to SB 1251)	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 955	Thompson, Senfronia	Relating to eligibility requirements for student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.	Allows mental health professionals who specialize in diagnosing and treating children to be eligible student loan repayment assistance regardless of accepting Medicaid and CHIP; also allows them to be eligible even if they serve solely within a telehealth facility within a designated professional shortage area	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1094	Moody	Relating to the provision of counseling services by certain providers under Medicaid and reimbursement for those services.	Requires that LMSWs and LPCIs who are selected by Medicaid recipients for counseling services be reimbursed through Medicaid at a rate of 70% the rate of that licensed psychiatrists and psychologists receive for providing similar services	Set for Hearing in House Human Services, 4/23/19	Monitor
HB 1190	Hernandez	Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.	Requires disciplinary action against any mental health provider who provides professional therapy or counseling services to a child with the intent to change that child's sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and eliminating or reducing the child's sexual or romantic attractions towards individuals of the same sex (Identical to HB 517)	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1669	Lucio III	Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state that serves persons with mental health and substance use issues.	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to establish a comprehensive workforce plan that helps improve and increase the workforce that serves persons with mental health and substance use issues (Similar to SB 429)	Set for House Floor Debate, 4/23/19	High Priority
HB 4357	Sanford	Relating to the authority of a mental health provider to offer services or counseling based on the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs.	Shields a mental health providers from disciplinary action or civil liability for providing services based upon the provider's sincere religious beliefs	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor

SB 429	Lucio	Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state to serve persons with mental health and substance use issues.	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to establish a comprehensive workforce plan that helps improve and increase the workforce that serves persons with mental health and substance use issues	Left Pending in Senate HHS	High Priority
SB 503	Seliger	Relating to eligibility requirements for student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.	Allows behavioral health professionals employed by a school district and who provide behavioral health services to secondary-level students to be eligible for the student loan repayment assistance program	Referred to Senate Higher Education	Monitor
SB 1251	Menéndez	Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.	Requires disciplinary action against any mental health provider who provide professional therapy or counseling services to a child with the intent to change that child's sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and eliminating or reducing the child's sexual or romantic attractions towards individuals of the same sex (Companion to HB 517 & HB 1190)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor

RESEARCH

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 10	Thompson, Senfronia	Relating to grants and programs for researching and treating behavioral health and psychiatric issues.	Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to award funds to a GME program to increase residency slots leading to a medical specialty in child & adolescent psychiatry; requires THECB to establish a child & adolescent psychiatric nursing grant program for institutions of higher education to increase the number of psychiatric nurses trained in child & adolescent psychiatric nursing; establishes the Texas Behavioral Health Research Institute to create a unified vision for child & adolescent behavioral health, including school behavioral health, and to establish a behavioral research and treatment grant program and addiction crisis grant program	Passed the House	Support
HB 1302	Davis, Sarah	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Research Institute; authorizing the issuance of bonds.	Creates the Texas Mental Health Research Institute to implement a mental health and substance use disorder research plan across university systems and expand research of these issues to improve residents' health; authorizes the Institute to make grants to health-related institutions of higher education; authorizes the Institute to request the Texas Public Financing Authority to issue bonds for authorized costs	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor

HB 1448	Zerwas, et. al	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.	Creates the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium-- comprised of health-related institutions of higher education and non-profit mental health organizations--to, among other things, address urgent mental health challenges, improve mental health and substance use disorder research, and improve and expand the mental health workforce; creates child psychiatry access centers at the member health-related institutions of higher education to provide training and consultation for pediatricians and primary care providers; expands/creates telemedicine programs at the member health-related institutions of higher education to improve access to mental health services in collaboration with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, provide a training program for judges regarding available mental health resources in their geographic area	Referred to House Public Health	Support
HJR 5	Thompson, Senfronia, et. al	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Public Finance Authority to fund research, treatment, and access to services in this state for behavioral health, mental health, and substance use and addiction issues.	Allows the Legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue bonds to fund research, treatment and access to behavioral health services	Passed the House	Support
SB 10	Nelson, et. al	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.	Creates the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium-- comprised of health-related institutions of higher education and non-profit mental health organizations--to, among other things, address urgent mental health challenges, improve mental health and substance use disorder research, and improve and expand the mental health workforce; creates child psychiatry access centers at the member health-related institutions of higher education to provide training and consultation for pediatricians and primary care providers; expands/creates telemedicine programs at the member health-related institutions of higher education to improve access to mental health services in collaboration with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, provide a training program for judges regarding available mental health resources in their geographic area (companion to HB 1448)	Referred to House Public Health	Support

WOMEN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 253	Farrar	Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.	Requires the Executive Commissioner of HHSC and the Department of State Health Services to build a five-year strategic plan to improve access to postpartum depression resources through screening, treatment, and support for women	Passed the House, Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
HB 405	Minjarez	Relating to designating June as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month.	Designates June as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month with the purpose to increase awareness of the dangers of opioid and substance abuse during pregnancy, providing resources of treatment and recovery services for mothers-to-be and new mothers	Referred to Senate Administration	Monitor
HB 1292	Price	Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.	Requires DSHS & the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to collaborate to develop initiatives to improve prevention, identification and treatment of opioid use disorders among pregnant women; before adoption of the initiatives, allows the department to implement the initiatives in limited pilot program in one or more geographic regions of the state	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 2618	Walle	Relating to the maternal peer support pilot program for perinatal mood disorder.	Requires HHSC to establish a maternal peer support pilot program to address perinatal mood disorders in women; the pilot projects would be established in federally qualified health centers in at least 3 counties in areas designated as mental health professional shortage areas or with has high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity for maternal peer support to manage the effects or perinatal mood disorders (Companion to SB 2301)	Failed to pass House Public Health	Monitor
SB 436	Nelson	Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.	Requires DSHS & the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to collaborate to develop initiatives to improve prevention, identification and treatment of opioid use disorders among pregnant women; before adoption of the initiatives, allows the department to implement the initiatives in limited pilot program in one or more geographic regions of the state (Companion to HB 1292)	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor

SB 2301	Powell	Relating to the maternal peer support pilot program for perinatal mood disorder.	Requires HHSC to establish a maternal peer support pilot program to address perinatal mood disorders in women; the pilot projects would be established in federally qualified health centers in at least 3 counties in areas designated as mental health professional shortage areas or with has high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity for maternal peer support to manage the effects or perinatal mood disorders; Requires the (Companion to HB 2618)	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
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OTHER NOTABLE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BILLS

Bill	Author	Caption	Summary	Status	NBHP Action
HB 628	Thierry	Relating to an acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds for the psychiatric treatment of certain individuals.	Develops a centralized internet-based psychiatric bed registry that displays information about inpatient beds available at mental health facilities in Harris County; data is to be accessible to law enforcement agencies, emergency care facilities, and emergency care providers	Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
HB 1698	Leman	Relating to the regulation of residential treatment centers.	Increases the requirements on residential treatment centers, including the requirement to submit an operational plan, and allows the Health and Human Services Commission to deny an application for several reasons, including insufficient community resources to support the children served by the center; requires HHSC to create and publish on its website a new rating system for residential treatment centers (Companion to SB 781)	Referred to House Human Services	Monitor
HB 2707	Price	Relating to the expansion of the community mental health grant program to include services to and treatment of individuals with substance use disorders.	Expands the community mental health service coordination grant program for individuals with mental illness to include services to individuals with substance use disorders	Referred to House Public Health	High Priority
HB 2813	Price	Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.	Creates a statewide behavioral health coordinating council comprised primarily of various state agencies to create a 5-year strategic plan for behavioral health	Left Pending in House Public Health	Monitor
HB 2849	Goodwin	Relating to the imposition of a sales tax on ammunition, firearms, and firearms accessories to provide funding for a grant program for mental health services.	Places a 1% tax on the sale of ammunition, firearms, and firearm accessories; the proceeds will be used to fund the mental health coordinated services grant	Referred to House Ways & Means	Monitor

HB 2938	Hinojosa	Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient in certain mental health proceedings.	Allows a County Commissioners Court to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders to provide legal representation for individuals in proceedings for court-ordered mental health services (Companion to SB 1293)	Set for Hearing in House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence, 4/23/19	Monitor
HB 3538	Rose	Relating to the establishment of the Opioid and Substance Abuse Advisory Council.	Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to establish an Opioid and Substance Abuse Advisory council to study and make recommendations to address opioid and substance abuse in Texas	Left Pending in House Public Health	Monitor
HB 4147	Bell, Cecil	Relating to required mental health awareness training for first responders.	Requires the first responder training program to include at least 6 hours of mental health training developed or adopted by HHSC	Left pending in House Public Health	Monitor
HB 4365	Toth	Relating to a study on the impact of psychotropic medications.	Requires the Health & Human Services Commission to study the number of suicides committed by persons who were prescribed psychotropic medications and the length of psychotropic treatment the persons had received	Left Pending in House Public Health	Monitor
HB 4532	Hunter	Relating to the development and posting by county governments of lists of local mental health resources available to the public.	Requires county governing bodies to develop and post on the county's website a list of mental health resources available in the county to the public, including, to the extent possible, a fee schedule of those resources	Passed out of House County Affairs	Monitor
SB 632	Kolkhorst	Relating to the composition of the governing bodies and the consultation policies of local mental health authorities with respect to sheriffs, their representatives, and local law enforcement agencies.	Requires a local mental health authority governing body to include as an ex officio nonvoting member a sheriff or a representative of a sheriff of a county in the local service area	Passed the Senate, Referred to House Public Health	Monitor
SB 781	Kolkhorst	Relating to the regulation of residential treatment centers.	Increases the requirements on residential treatment centers, including the requirement to submit an operational plan, and allows the Health and Human Services Commission to deny an application for several reasons, including insufficient community resources to support the children served by the center; requires HHSC to create and publish on its website a new rating system for residential treatment centers (Companion to HB 1698)	Passed the Senate	Monitor
SB 1293	Zaffirini	Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient in certain mental health proceedings.	Allows a County Commissioners Court to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders to provide legal representation for individuals in proceedings for court-ordered mental health services (companion to HB 2938)	Passed Senate State Affairs	Monitor

SB 2358	Fallon	Relating to per capita funding by population of each local mental health authority.	Requires the Commissioner of HHSC to execute contracts with local mental health authorities (LMHA) to ensure that per capita funding among the LMHAs is equal	Referred to Senate HHS	Monitor
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