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Legislative Update

The 86th Legislature will soon be drawing to a close, and that is evident by the number of bills that are seeing untimely deaths. The deadline for house bills to pass the full House on second reading was last Thursday and, though there is no written deadline in the Senate, the same was pretty much true for senate bills on that side). So, Thursday at the stroke of midnight, thousands of bills ended up dying, including over 100 bills that NBHP was tracking. May they RIP.

However, the good news is that a number of the bills NBHP is supporting are still alive, and there are others that may be resurrected as amendments to other bills that are still making their way through the process. Some of these include:

- **HB 744 by Rose**, which extends Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant women for at least 12 months after delivery or a miscarriage;
- **HB 1465 by Moody**, which 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;
- **HB 3285 by Sheffield**, which 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;
- **HB 4183 by Parker**, which 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; and
- **SB 10 by Nelson**, which 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.