

OVERVIEW

The Texas Coalition for Healthy Minds (TCHM) worked throughout the 86th Texas Legislative Session, serving as a resource for member organizations, policymakers, and other stakeholders on policy issues related to mental health and substance use disorder. This session, the coalition strategically aligned with other colleagues and pertinent groups to expand our platform, creating a larger forum to share information and expertise, collaborate on advocacy efforts, facilitate constructive dialogue around opposing viewpoints, and coordinate action. Collectively, member organizations and partners educated advocates and lawmakers, helping to advance TCHM's public policy priority areas.

COALITION ENGAGEMENT

TCHM advanced legislation by facilitating information sharing and collaboration among coalition members working in support of our shared priorities. The coalition's frequent and ongoing activities improved communication and understanding among member organizations, enabled stronger policy proposals, and increased engagement of a broad range of stakeholders that otherwise may not have worked on TCHM priority issues.

Progress was made on nearly all of the policy priorities identified in the TCHM's [2019-2020 Legislative Priority Agenda](#). Several bills became law. Many others made significant advancement through the legislative process, helping to increase legislative offices' awareness and understanding of key behavioral health issues and policy solutions, to refine legislative language, and to lay the groundwork for continued efforts during the interim and next legislative session.

The following pages highlight key bills organized by TCHM priority area that were impacted by TCHM engagement, including facilitated discussions, collaboration, and coordination among partners. While members of the coalition dropped cards in support or opposition of many bills, and participated in or led various methods of advocacy on a more extensive range of bills (See Appendix), the selected bills represent the most extensive and sustained legislative efforts.

Although a number of factors contributed to their advancement, each of the bills summarized on the following pages were impacted by TCHM's members through written or delivered testimony; facilitated discussions and dialogue during (and outside of) Friday meetings which allowed member organizations and/or partners to make better informed decisions and perhaps weigh in on issues they may not have otherwise; and joined together for collaborative office visits. These bills received the most engagement from the coalition, and are the most important pieces of mental health legislation considered this session as well as the issues that will be kept in focus through the interim and the next session.

BUDGET

The Legislature passed a \$251 billion budget that includes \$4,359,301,473 in funding for behavioral health. In addition, \$6.5 billion was dedicated for school finance reform and \$5 billion for property tax reform. \$343.5 million in all funds were allocated for school safety, with the funds aimed at both school hardening as well as mental health supports. Through the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, \$100 million will support research and loan repayment programs for psychiatrists.

Texas Council of Community Center staff created detailed summaries of state budget decisions that can be viewed here:

- [Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers](#)
- [Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Services](#)
- [Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Early Childhood Intervention](#)
- [Select Riders](#)

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021
Article I		
Trusted Programs, Office of the Governor	\$31,701,616	\$121,083,087
Veterans Commission	\$5,789,000	\$5,789,000
Article II		
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$38,642,408	\$38,778,899
Department of State Health Services	\$2,661,560	\$2,661,558
Health and Human Services Commission	\$1,706,890,657	\$1,551,760,104
Texas Civil Commitment Office	\$154,611	\$154,611
Article III		
University of Texas - Health Science Center Houston	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center Tyler	\$6,730,000 \$6,730,000	\$6,730,000 \$6,730,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000

Article IV		
Supreme Court of Texas	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Court of Criminal Appeals	\$318,500	\$318,500
Office of Court Administration	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Article V		
Commission on Jail Standards	\$185,856	\$185,856
Department of Criminal Justice	\$262,806,849	\$262,756,856
Juvenile Justice Department	\$89,552,219	\$89,527,600
Military Department	\$966,700	\$944,900
Article VIII		
State Board of Dental Examiners	\$132,240	\$132,240
Board of Pharmacy	\$243,004	\$243,005
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$45,000	\$45,000
Optometry Board	\$36,000	\$36,000
Board of Nursing	\$1,005,458	\$1,005,458
Medical Board	\$643,561	\$643,560
Total	\$2,212,505,239	\$2,146,796,234

PRIORITY ONE:

Increase Access Across the Continuum of Care for People with Mental Health Conditions, Including Substance Use Disorders

This priority was advanced through the passage of legislation that will:

- Target the underlying issues through criminal justice diversion and reintegration programs, improving long-term public safety and reducing recidivism.
- Promote the growth of telehealth and telemedicine programs.
- Increase funding for inpatient, outpatient and crisis services.
- Provide funding necessary to implement plans for state hospital redesign, including construction of state-of-the-art facilities and ensuring capacity necessary to implement the full continuum of psychiatric services.

Several policy recommendations TCHM identified in its policy agenda did not become law, but made significant progress. This includes bills addressing supportive housing programs; criminal justice diversion and reintegration programs; improving long-term public safety and reducing recidivism; behavioral health workforce needs; and closing gaps in behavioral health care coverage. TCHM and its members were able to educate legislative offices, refine policy proposals, and lay important groundwork that will help increase access to a continuum of care during the interim and the 87th Legislative Session.

BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 2813 (Rep. Price) - Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

- Establishes a statewide behavioral health coordinating council to create a strategic approach to behavioral health services.
- Council will meet at least 4 times per year and monitor the implementation of a five-year plan, which will include developing an inventory of state-funded behavioral health programs and services.

HB 3285 (Rep. Sheffield/Sen. Huffman) - Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent and respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose and identify and treat co-occurring substance use disorders and mental illness.

- Creates a telehealth Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program and requires Behavioral Health strategic plan to include strategies for SUD issues.
- Requires the state to conduct an opioid misuse public awareness campaign; requires an opioid antagonist program; requires Continuing Medical Education for prescribers and dispensers, under the direction of the Texas Medical Board.

- Requires data collection and analysis for opioid overdose deaths and co-occurrence of SUD and mental illness, including analysis of the treatment capacity for people with co-occurring SUD and mental illness.
- Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to reimburse for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) without prior authorization or precertification for the treatment; allows HHSC to pay for MAT only if the treatment is prescribed by a licensed health care provider who is authorized to prescribe methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone.

HB 3980 (Rep. 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 study and report on the landscape of suicide in Texas, including prevalence, laws, statewide and agency efforts to address suicide.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

HB 10 (Rep. S. Thompson) - Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute.

- Would have established the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute, which would have expanded funding for and coordinated research across state universities and other research stakeholders on treating mental health and substance use disorders.

HB 1465 (Rep. Moody) - Relating to a study on expanding recovery housing in this state.

- Would have required HHSC to conduct a study to evaluate the current status of and opportunities, challenges, and needs to expand recovery housing in Texas.

HB 1669 (Rep. Lucio) - Relating to increasing and improving the mental health and substance use disorder workforce in this state and increasing the capacity of local mental health authorities (LMHAs) to provide access to mental health services in certain counties.

- Would have required the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to develop a comprehensive plan to increase and improve the mental health workforce.

HB 2368 (Rep. 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.

- Would have required all Medicaid STAR Health behavioral and mental health care providers, including physicians, to be trained in trauma-informed care.

PRIORITY TWO:

Prioritize Prevention and Intervention for Children, Youth and Families

Several of TCHM's policy recommendations in this area were addressed by the 86th Texas Legislature. Notable, efforts of TCHM members and partners helped to bring about the passage of bills and a state budget that will:

- Increase funding for community mental health services, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) for infants and toddlers, and substance use disorder treatment.
- Help schools recognize and address students' mental health needs, including school-based promotion, prevention and early intervention strategies and trauma-informed practice.
- Increase access to behavioral health professionals in schools and the community.
- Expand access to a wider range of behavioral health services covered by Medicaid MCOs.
- Strengthen suicide prevention in schools and requiring state agencies to focus on suicide prevention across the lifespan.
- Improve access to maternal health services, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

TCHM communication and coordination of activities informed and impacted the actions of coalition members and partners on a wide range of bills related to behavioral health prevention, intervention, and treatment of children, youth, and families, including:

BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 18 (Rep. 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.

- Provides a variety of incentives and strategies to offer guidance to school districts on how to improve their response to the mental health and substance use disorder service needs of students, including:
 - School district planning for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention
 - Trauma-informed and grief-informed practice training for school employees
 - Mental health as part of health education for students

HB 19 (Rep. Price) - Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.

- Requires LMHAs to employ a mental health professional who would be housed at the regional Education Service Center and serve as a resource for school districts in their region, providing information, training, and resources related to mental health and substance abuse.

HB 906 (Rep. S. Thompson) - Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.

- Establishes and describes the composition and duties of the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services.

SB 11 (Sen. Taylor) - Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools and the creation of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

- Establishes the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.
- Requires the integration of trauma-informed practices in each school environment and in the district improvement plan.
- Requires local school health advisory councils (SHACs) to develop parental awareness and engagement strategies regarding mental health, suicide, and substance abuse.
- Provides school districts with an annual “school safety” funding allotment, which allows for schools to fund student mental health and suicide prevention strategies in addition to certain approved school safety activities.
- Requires the Texas Education Agency to disseminate information on mental health resources for regional education service centers.
- Requires mental health and suicide prevention as part of the health curriculum.

SB 435 (Sen. Nelson) - Relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools.

- Adds to SHAC duties a responsibility to recommend appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction on opioid addiction and abuse and methods of administering an opioid antagonist (e.g., naloxone).

SB 1177 (Menendez) - Relating to offering certain evidence-based services in lieu of other mental health or substance use disorder services by a Medicaid managed care organization.

- Incorporates community-based services as a form of treatment for mental health and substance use disorders for Medicaid approved coverage.
- Requires that annual data and information on how frequently each service is being used be sent to the legislature, in addition it requires that the commission take into account the actual cost and use of services that are on the list of Medicare approved managed care.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

SB 1390 (Sen. Menendez) - Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

- Would have required districts to provide educators with follow-up training on effective practices related to suicide prevention, intervention, and “postvention” - i.e., what happens after a suicide loss.
- Would have been included as part of health education instruction on mental health and substance abuse, along with developing key life skills among students that reduce the likelihood they will engage in risky or unhealthy behaviors.
- Would have ensured district SHACs address suicide prevention as part of their advisory roles to districts, including making recommendations on increasing parental awareness of suicide-related risk factors, warning signs, and suicide prevention services available in the community.
- Would have directed the Texas Education Agency and the HHSC to share with districts information on best practices related to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.
- Would have directed districts to have plans in place on how they will support students who return to school following suicide attempt or inpatient or residential mental health treatment.

HB 1312 (Rep. 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.

- Would have allowed school districts to contract with LMHAs to provide mental health services on a campus of the district.
- Would have required LMHAs to provide certain information to primary care physicians at the request of a parent or guardian.
- Would have required the HHSC to allow a school district to enroll as a Medicaid provider to receive reimbursement for mental health services provided.

HB 1335 (Rep. 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.

- Would have established a school-based behavioral health center to provide services to students and their families.
- Would have required the HHSC to administer a grant program to assist school districts with the cost of operating school-based behavioral health centers.

PRIORITY THREE

Create Integrated Services and Systems of Care to Meet the Mental Health and Substance Use Needs of Underserved Populations

The Legislature took action on several TCHM policy priorities related to issues in this priority area. Laws were passed that will:

- Establish a network of comprehensive child psychiatry access centers to assist primary care providers in assessing and addressing mental health concerns of children.
- Increase services for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- Provide enhanced mental health services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Bolster services at intercepts of involvement in the criminal justice system using the Sequential Intercept Model as a framework. This model helps communities identify points at which to intercede with diversionary and treatment strategies addressing the needs of individuals with behavioral health challenges and criminal justice involvement.

BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 253 (Rep. Farrar) - Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.

- Requires the HHSC to develop a statewide strategic plan to address postpartum depression every five years.
- Requires the strategic plan to include peer support, funding community treatment, and building provider networks.

HB 601 (Rep. Price) - Relating to procedures and reporting requirements regarding criminal defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

- Modifies requirements around assessing defendants in county jail systems believed to have a mental illness or intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) to require an interview of the defendant and collection of additional information within 12 hours of being placed in police custody.
- Requires county judicial systems, when transferring individuals and their records to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, to include the written assessment the sheriff or municipal jailer conducted on the defendant's mental health or intellectual disability status.

SB 362 (Sen. Huffman) - Relating to court-ordered mental health services.

- Updates provisions related to court-ordered mental health outpatient treatment to clarify a judge's authority to order services if there is a finding of a need for such services and that the person is not able to participate voluntarily.
- Includes provisions requiring testimony to be taken before a court orders extended outpatient or inpatient treatment.
- Among other provisions, it also requires courts to consult with the LMHA prior to issuing a decision when a recommendation has been made to transfer a patient from inpatient services to outpatient. The LMHA also must participate in discharge planning for patients scheduled to leave publicly funded inpatient services.

SB 562 (Sen. Zaffirini) - Relating to criminal or juvenile procedures regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability and the operation and effects of successful completion of a mental health court program.

- Streamlines the process of competency restoration so that individuals with mental illness who have been found incompetent to stand trial are less likely to have to wait in jail for long periods of time before receiving services.
- Includes language (stemming from a recommendation from the Judicial Commission on Mental Health) from SB 803 by Rodriguez/HB 1701 by Ortega relating to a written assessment regarding a defendant suspected of having a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

HB 2168 (Rep. Allen) - Relating to a trauma history screening for certain defendants and inmates.

- Would have required Texas Department of Criminal Justice to assess each incarcerated person during the diagnostic process to determine whether they have experienced adverse childhood experiences or other significant trauma, and refer the person as needed to the appropriate medical or mental health care professional for treatment.
- Community Justice Assistance Division would have required probation departments to assess each defendant at the time of their initial placement onto probation to determine whether they have experienced adverse childhood experiences or other significant trauma, and refer the person as needed to the appropriate medical or mental care professional for treatment.

HB 1936 (Rep. Rose) - Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

- Would have prohibited the death penalty for someone who has schizophrenia, a schizoaffective disorder or bipolar disorder at the time of their offense.
- Would have prohibited the execution of someone who has a severe mental illness would protect them from unjust punishment.

APPENDIX

The appendix includes a broader list of bills that TCHM where focused its actions and engagement in support of its legislative priority areas.

Please note the following annotations used in the tables below:

= bill was relevant to more than one priority area

* = bill was opposed among majority of TCHM members

* = bill was neutral

Darker green highlight = bills that became law

Lighter green highlight = bills that made it to second chamber

PRIORITY ONE

BILL		AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAST ACTION/ OUTCOME
HB 601	#	Reps. Four Price (R)/ Nicole Collier (D)/ Andrew Murr (R)/ Joe Moody (D)/ James White (R)	Relating to procedures and reporting requirements regarding criminal defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 1342		Rep. Jeff Leach (R)/Rep. Alma Allen (D)/ Jarvis Johnson (D)/ Toni Rose (D)	Relating to the consequences of a criminal conviction on a person's eligibility for an occupational license.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 1501		Rep. Poncho Nevarez (D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and social workers to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing a fee.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 2813	#	Reps. Four Price (R)/ Richard Raymond (D)	Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.	Effective Immediately
HB 3285		Reps. J D Sheffield (R)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Four Price (R)/ Joe Moody (D)/ Stephanie Klick (R)	Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent and respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose and identify and treat co-occurring substance use disorders and mental illness.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 3345		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Eddie Lucio III (D)/ Dennis Paul (R)/ Ryan Guillen (D)/ Stan Lambert (R)	Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.	Effective on 9/1/19

HB 3980	#		Rep. Todd Hunter (R)	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.	Effective Immediately
HB 4298			Rep. Andrew Murr (R)	Relating to the licensing of satellite offices of outpatient chemical dependency care facilities.	Effective 9/1/19
SB 436	#		Sen. Jane Nelson (R)	Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.	Effective Immediately
SB 1238			Sen. Nathan Johnson (D)	Relating to the admission, examination, and discharge of a person for mental health services. <i>NOTE: Language from SB 218 and companion HB 1318 was added to this bill.</i>	Effective on 9/1/19
SB 1564	#		Sen. Royce West (D)	Relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Medicaid.	Effective Immediately
HB 10	#	*	Reps. Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Dade Phelan (R)/ Joe Moody (D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute.	S Placed on intent calendar
HB 744	#		Reps. Toni Rose (D)/ Armando Walle (D)/ Jessica Farrar (D)/ Ron Reynolds (D)/ Victoria Neave (D)	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	S Received from the House
HB 1139			Reps. Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Jeff Leach (R)/ Joe Moody (D)/ James White (R)/ Armando Walle (D)	Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability.	H Senate appoints conferees - reported
HB 1320			Reps. Joe Moody (D)/ Garnet Coleman (D)	Relating to the operation of, participation in, and effects of successful completion of a mental health court program.	S Received from the House
HB 1465			Reps. Joe Moody (D)/ Andrew Murr (R)	Relating to a study on expanding recovery housing in this state.	S Left pending in committee
HB 1669			Rep. Eddie Lucio III (D)	Relating to increasing and improving the mental health and substance use disorder workforce in this state and increasing the capacity of local mental health authorities to provide access to mental health services in certain counties.	Returned from the House for further action

HB 1758			Rep. James White (R)	Relating to a grant program and interagency review of resources to support and sustain recovery community organizations.	S Referred to Health & Human Services
HB 239	#		Reps. Jessica Farrar (D)/ Dan Huberty (R)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ James Talarico (D)	Relating to social work services in public schools.	H Considered in Calendars
HB 342	#		Reps. Phillip Cortez (D)/ Toni Rose (D)/ Sarah Davis (D)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ J D Sheffield (R)	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 870	#		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Ryan Guillen (D)/ J D Sheffield (R)/ Trent Ashby (R)/ Mary Gonzalez (D)	Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services. <i>NOTE: Companion bill SB 670 passed.</i>	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1110	#		Reps. Sarah Davis (R)/ Joe Deshotel (D)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Morgan Meyer (R)/ Toni Rose (D)	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 2368		*	Rep. Rick Miller (R)	Relating to access to and the provision of behavioral and mental health care services and trauma-informed care in the Medicaid managed care program.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 3538			Rep. Toni Rose (D)	Relating to the establishment of the Opioid and Substance Abuse Advisory Council.	H Committee report sent to Local & Consent Calendar
SB 17		*	Sen. Charles Perry (D)	Relating to discrimination by a state agency against an applicant for or holder of an occupational license.	H Referred to State Affairs
SB 2040			Sen. Jose Rodriguez (D)	Relating to a report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates and access to care.	H Committee report sent to Calendars

PRIORITY TWO

BILL		AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAST ACTION/ OUTCOME
HB 18		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Dan Huberty (R)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)	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. <i>Note: HB 1069 became HB 18</i>	Effective on 12/1/19
HB 19		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Dan Huberty (R)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)	Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts. <i>Note: HB 1072 became HB 19</i>	Effective on 12/1/19
HB 25		Reps. Mary Gonzales (D)/ James White (R)/ Dade Phelan (R)/ Jessica Farrar (D)	Relating to a pilot program for providing services to certain women and children under the Medicaid medical transportation program.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 65		Rep. Eric Johnson (D)	Relating to reporting information regarding public school disciplinary actions.	Effective Immediately
HB 72		Reps. James White (R)/ Donna Howard (D)/ Gene Wu (D)/ terry Meza (D)	Relating to the provision of Medicaid benefits to certain children formerly in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 475		Reps. Donna Howard (D)/ Gene Wu (D)	Relating to information for foster children who are pregnant or minor parents.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 650	#	Reps. James White (R)/ Stephanie Klick (R)/ Donna Howard (D)/ Victoria Neave (D)/ Terry Meza (D)	Relating to female inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 906		Reps. Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Dade Phelan (R)/ Joe Moody (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)/ Garnet Coleman (D)	Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.	Effective Immediately
HB 1070		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)/ J D Sheffield (R)	Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.	Effective on 12/1/19

HB 2184			Reps. Alma Allen (D)/ James White (R)/ Gene Wu (D)/ Dade Phelan (R)/ Christina Morales (D)	Relating to a public school student's transition from an alternative education program to a regular classroom.	Effective Immediately
HB 3980	#		Rep. Todd Hunter (R)	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.	Effective Immediately
SB 11			Sen. Larry Taylor (R)	Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools and the creation of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium. <i>Note: SB 10 moved into SB 11</i>	Effective Immediately
SB 355			Sen. Royce West (D)	Relating to developing a strategic plan regarding implementation of prevention and early intervention services and community-based care and conducting a study regarding the resources provided to foster parents.	Effective Immediately
SB 435			Sen. Jane Nelson (R)	Relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools.	Effective Immediately
SB 436	#		Sen. Jane Nelson (R)	Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.	Effective Immediately
SB 504			Sen. Kel Seliger (R)	Relating to the inclusion of certain information in postsecondary education and career counseling academies developed for certain school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school district.	Effective Immediately
SB 1177	#		Sen. Jose Menendez (D)	Relating to offering certain evidence-based practices in lieu of other mental health services by a Medicaid managed care organization.	Effective on 9/1/19
SB 2432		*	Sen. Larry Taylor (R)	Relating to the removal of a public school student from the classroom following certain conduct.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 10	#	*	Reps. Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Dade Phelan (R)/ Joe Moody (D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute.	S Placed on intent calendar
HB 12			Reps. Sarah Davis (R)/ Sam Harless (R)/ Four Price (R)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Bobby Guerra (D)	Relating to early childhood intervention and rehabilitative and habilitative services.	S Received from the House
HB 744	#		Reps. Toni Rose (D)/ Armando Walle (D)/ Jessica Farrar (D)/ Ron Reynolds (D)/ Victoria Neave (D)	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	S Received from the House

HB 1111		Reps. Sarah Davis (R)/ Drew Springer (R)/ Bobby Guerra (D)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Chris Turner (D)	Relating to maternal and newborn health care <i>NOTE: Amended onto SB 748 - passed.</i>	S Not again placed on intent calendar
HB 4183		Reps. Tan Parker (R)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Rick Miller (R)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Scott Sanford (R)	Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.	S Left pending in committee
SB 1390	#	Sen. Jose Menendez (D)	Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention. <i>Note: Most of language amended onto HB 18 and SB 11 - except teacher training.</i>	H Placed on General State Calendar
HB 239	#	Reps. Jessica Farrar (D)/ Dan Huberty (R)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ James Talarico (D)	Relating to social work services in public schools.	H Considered in Calendars
HB 316	#	Reps. Donna Howard (D)/ Vikki Goodwin (D)/ Rick Miller (R)	Relating to a public awareness campaign on firearm safety and suicide prevention. <i>Note: Included in a budget rider - passed.</i>	H Considered in Calendars
HB 342	#	Reps. Phillip Cortez (D)/ Toni Rose (D)/ Sarah Davis (D)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ J D Sheffield (R)	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 455		Reps. Alma Allen (D)/ Phillip Cortez (D)/ Michelle Beckley (D)/ Rhetta Bowers (D)/ James Talarico (D)	Relating to policies on the recess period in public schools.	Vetoed by the Governor
HB 517	#	Reps. Celia Israel (D)/ Jessica Gonzalez (D)/ Julie Johnson (D)/ Erin Zweiner (D)/ Mary Gonzalez (D)	Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.	H Left pending in committee
HB 1110	#	Reps. Sarah Davis (R)/ Joe Deshotel (D)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Morgan Meyer (R)/ Toni Rose (D)	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1160		Rep. Jarvis Johnson (D)	Relating to the use of the compensatory education allotment for a school district's school guidance and counseling program or counseling or social work services.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1312		Rep. Joe Moody (D)	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.	H Committee report sent to Calendars

HB 1335		Reps. Four Price (R)/ Dan Huberty (R)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Greg Bonnen (R)	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.	H Placed on General State Calendar
HB 1467		Reps. James Talarico (D)/ Ryan Gullen (D)/ Alma Allen (D)/ James White (R)	Relating to a mental health professional to school law enforcement official ratio for public schools.	H Left pending in committee
HB 1536		Reps. Rick Miller (R)/ Richard Raymond (D)/ Tan Parker (R)/ Sarah Davis (R)/ John Zerwas (R)	Relating to trauma-informed care for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services, trauma-informed care training for certain department employees, and the establishment of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force.	H Placed on General State Calendar
HB 1623		Rep. Garnet Coleman (D)	Relating to training for public school personnel to identify and intervene if a student suffers from behavioral health issues.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1679		Rep. Four Price (R)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for school counselors employed by a school district.	No action taken in committee
HB 2997		Reps. James Talarico (D)/ Shawn Thierry (D)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ Gina Hinojosa (D)/ Ray Lopez (D)	Relating to suicide prevention training for certain public school employees and public school mental health related programs and the applicability of related immunity provisions.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 3235		Rep. Ana-Maria Ramos (D)	Relating to staff development requirements for public educators regarding suicide prevention training	H Committee report sent to Calendars

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BILL		AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAST ACTION/ OUTCOME
HB 253		Reps. Jessica Farrar (D)/ Ina Minjarez (D)/ Ryan Guillen (D)	Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 601	#	Reps. Four Price (R)/ Nicole Collier (D)/ Andrew Murr (R)/ Joe Moody (D)/ James White (R)	Relating to criminal or juvenile procedures and reporting requirements regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 650	#	Reps. James White (R)/ Stephanie Klick (R)/ Donna Howard (D)/ Victoria Neave (D)/ Terry Meza (D)	Relating to female inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 2536		Reps. Tom Oliverson (R)/ Cesar Blanco (D)/ Trey Martinez Fischer (D)	Relating to transparency related to drug costs.	Effective on 9/1/19
HB 2813	#	Reps. Four Price (R)/ Richard Raymond (D)	Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.	Effective Immediately
SB 362		Sen. Joan Huffman (R)	Relating to court-ordered mental health services.	Effective on 9/1/19
SB 562		Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D)	Relating to criminal or juvenile procedures regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability and the operation and effects of a successful completion of a mental health court program.	Effective Immediately
SB 1177	#	Sen. Jose Menendez (D)	Relating to offering certain evidence-based practices in lieu of other mental health services by a Medicaid managed care organization.	Effective on 9/1/19
SB 1564	#	Sen. Royce West (D)	Relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Medicaid.	Effective Immediately
HB 2099		Reps. Stan Lambert (R)/ J D Sheffield (R)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Tom Oliverson (R)/ Eddie Lucio III (D)	Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.	S Left Pending in Cmte Co-sponsor authorized
HB 2168		Reps. Alma Allen (D)/ Ron Reynolds (D)/ Yvonne Davis (D)/ Carl Sherman (D)/ Nicole Collier (D)	Relating to a trauma history screening for certain defendants and inmates.	S Received from the House

SB 1390	#	Sen. Jose Menendez (D)	Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention. <i>NOTE: Most of language amended onto HB 18 and SB 11 - except teacher training.</i>	H Placed on General State Calendar
HB 316	#	Reps. Donna Howard (D)/ Vikki Goodwin (D)/ Rick Miller (R)	Relating to a public awareness campaign on firearm safety and suicide prevention. Note: Included in a budget rider - passed.	H Considered in Calendars
HB 342	#	Reps. Phillip Cortez (D)/ Toni Rose (D)/ Sarah Davis (D)/ Diego Bernal (D)/ J D Sheffield (R)	Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 517	#	Reps. Celia Israel (D)/ Jessica Gonzalez (D)/ Julie Johnson (D)/ Erin Zweiner (D)/ Mary Gonzalez (D)	Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.	H Left pending in committee
HB 870	#	Reps. Four Price (R)/ Ryan Guillen (D)/ J D Sheffield (R)/ Trent Ashby (R)/ Mary Gonzalez (D)	Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services. <i>NOTE: Companion bill SB 670 passed.</i>	H Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1511		Rep. Garnet Coleman (D)	Relating to required coverage for eating disorders under group health benefit plans.	H Left pending in committee
HB 1585		Reps. Mary Gonzales (D)/ James Frank (R)/ Stephanie Klick (R)/ Valoree Swanson (R)	Relating to a study on interest or other waiting lists maintained for certain Medicaid programs providing services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Committee report sent to Calendars
HB 1613		Rep. Joe Moody (D)	Relating to the provision of recovery community organization services under Medicaid.	Left pending in committee
HB 1936		Reps. Toni Rose (D)/ John Zerwas (R)/ Senfronia Thompson (D)/ Garnet Coleman (D)/ Oscar Longoria (D)	Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.	S Received from the House
SB 803		Sen. Jose Rodriguez (D)	Relating to a written assessment regarding a defendant suspected of having a mental illness or an intellectual disability. <i>NOTE: Language incorporated into SB 562.</i>	H Committee report sent to Local & Consent Calendar