

MENTAL HEALTH

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HB 197 Price, Four(R) Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to post information regarding mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

Remarks: Would require each public college website to show mental health resources including the address of the nearest Local Mental Health Authority.

Bill History: 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 838 Naishtat, Elliott(D) Relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes of certain group health benefit plans.

Companions: SB 1774 Menendez, Jose (F) (Identical)
4-14-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Would update Insurance Code's definition of serious mental illness to include post traumatic stress disorder as defined by Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Committee action pending House Insurance

HB 1393 Turner, Sylvester(D) Relating to the establishment of a home and community-based services program under the Medicaid program for certain persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

Remarks: Would establish a home and community-based services Medicaid waiver for people with severe and persistent mental illness - including those at greatest risk of institutionalization; incompetent to stand trial; court ordered to receive mental health treatment and children with only one experience of psychosis. Would define severe and persistent mental illness for purposes of the waiver.

Bill History: 04-20-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.030 - House Human Services

HB 1541 Burkett, Cindy(R) Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

Remarks: Would require rules for scope of services, certification and supervision and separate provider types for peer support specialists (mental health and substance abuse).

Bill History: 04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 1873 Naishtat, Elliott(D) Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of self-directed mental health services in the integrated Medicaid managed care system.

Remarks: Would establish a four year pilot for voluntary self-directed mental health services in integrated Medicaid managed care for those receiving rehabilitative services from a local mental health authority. The pilot would include a life coach providing supports similar to supported decision-making.

Bill History: 04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 1998	Coleman, Garnet(D)	Relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.
	Remarks:	Would add occupational therapists to the list of non-medical mental health professionals.
	Bill History:	04-14-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services
HB 2039	Burkett, Cindy(R)	Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information.
	Companions:	SB 1889 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical) 4- 8-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services
	Remarks:	Would prohibit adding a parent to a state child abuse registry if the parent relinquished custody of a child solely for purposes of obtaining mental health care for the child.
	Bill History:	04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services
HB 2048	Naishtat, Elliott(D)	Relating to the delivery of mental health services and supports under a system of care framework to minors who have or are at risk of developing a serious emotional disturbance or who are at risk.
	Companions:	SB 1891 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical) 3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
	Remarks:	Would replace System of Care workgroup with a framework for systems of care and supports for minors with/at risk of serious mental illness through MOUs with relevant agencies. Sunset bill would abolish SOC workgroup.
	Bill History:	04-20-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.030 - House Human Services
HB 2101	Murr, Andrew (F)(R)	Relating to the effect and disregard of declarations for mental health treatment.
	Remarks:	Would effectively raise the standard to disregard a judicial declaration of incompetency. Puts into statute what is current practice of arrest and prosecution nullifying an existing declaration of incompetency. Repeals 137.0098(c).
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 2102	Murr, Andrew (F)(R)	Relating to the appeal of an order authorizing the administration of medication to a patient receiving court-ordered inpatient mental health services.
	Remarks:	Would prevent a medication order from being enforced while an appeal of the order is pending. Strong opposition from physicians and facilities is anticipated.
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 2130 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to access to a deceased person's mental health information.

Remarks: Would add access to deceased person's mental health records for executor, spouse or close blood relative. Mental health advocates have concerns about the release of confidential medical records to family members who were not given this access while they were living.

Bill History: 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 3990 Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the study of the fiscal impact on local governments in Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties of restructuring the NorthSTAR behavioral health system and the effective implementation.

Companions: SB 1979 Hall, Bob (F) (Identical)
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: Would require a study of impact on local governments and continuity of care if North Star is dismantled as proposed by Sunset Commission.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

SB 125 West, Royce(D) Relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Companions: HB 1852 Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)
4-20-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Remarks: Would require developmental psycho-social & trauma assessment of child who enters conservatorship.

Bill History: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 239 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.

Companions: HB 1241 Lozano, Jose (Identical)
3- 4-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 2434 Coleman, Garnet (Identical)
3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

Remarks: Would establish a loan repayment assistance for physician, advanced practice nurse and clinical social work students who complete up to five years practice with Texas Department of State Health Services.

Bill History: 04-15-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Higher Education

SB 359

West, Royce(D)

Relating to the authority of a peace officer to apprehend a person for emergency detention and the authority of certain facilities to temporarily detain a person with mental illness.

Companions: [HB 3677](#) Workman, Paul (Identical)
4-21-15 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Public Health

Remarks: Would allow freestanding emergency room to detain a person (for up to four hours) who asked for help if they believe they have mental illness and are a threat to themselves or others; would allow peace officer to take them into custody without judge or magistrate's order.

Bill History: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 1129

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the transportation of a person with a mental illness.

Remarks: Would limit restraint during transport, detention and apprehension to only those that allow a person to sit upright, unless in an ambulance.

Bill History: 04-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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