

**Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2023**  
**9:30am -11:00am**  
**In- Person & Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Review/ Approval of May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- II. Introductions
- III. North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update
- IV. Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)
- V. Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup
- VI. Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- VII. Legislative Update
- VIII. BHLT Voting Membership Review Committee Update
- IX. Funding Opportunities
  - The Cottages Update
  - SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update
  - Community Courts Grant Update-Public Defender’s Office (PD)
  - Restorative Justice Division-District Attorney’s Office (RJD)
- X. Upcoming Events and Notifications
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. Adjournment

\* Indicates items requiring approval from Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team  
The following reports from BHLT Committees are included for your records: *ACOT, BHSC, PD Mental Health Stats, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, FUSE and RJD Stats.*  
Unless action is required, there will be no verbal updates from those committees.



**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Minutes of the Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/bhlt/>**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Commissioner John Wiley Price called the Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT) meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Price welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being recorded and those who continued in attendance were consenting to being recorded as a part of the open records.

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the BHLT meeting held on Thursday April 13, 2023 were included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Price offered an opportunity for the minutes to be reviewed and approved. The minutes were approved as submitted

**Introductions**

Commissioner Price welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves: First time attendees were:

- Bud Browne- Mental Wellness Interfaith Alliance of North Texas

**North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) Update**

**Carol Lucky**, NTBHA, CEO reported providers served 24,585 adults and 8,904 for a total of 33,489. Carol reported that the board approved the distribution of the Charity Care Program Funds. Child & Family Guidance will receive a little over \$3million, Homeward Bound will receive 1.75million, Southern Area Behavioral Health will receive, \$900,000, APAA will receive a little over \$700, 000 & IPS will receive about \$650,000 and the rest of the facilities will receive smaller amounts. Total allocation was \$10,873,000. There will be some expectations of deliverables for some of the funding and some of it will go towards prior losses. Carol also reported, CJD and NTBHA have been meeting to discuss moving individuals out of the jail into Dallas Behavioral Healthcare (DBH) hospital for competency restoration. DBH is now fully staffed and are on track to begin accepting individuals early June. Carol noted that the Covid-19 public health emergency (PHE) is ending and there will be no automatic renewal of Medicaid benefits. Carol stated NTBHA benefits coordinator and providers will work to help individuals apply for and or keep their Medicaid benefits. The group that will be most impacted will be those who are aging out of Medicaid. Through PHE, this group was able to continue and maintain their coverage but will now be ineligible (unless eligible by disability) and will have to move to indigent services under NTBHA coverage for mental health services. Carol reports that NTBHA was audited by the state for their \$137million biennial Local Mental Health Authority Grant and only had \$709 in un-allowed costs.

### **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institution (MMHPI)**

No report provided during this meeting.

### **Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Workgroup (BHHWG)**

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel provided the update. Dr. Daniel reports that Dallas County and the City of Dallas have partnered to address homelessness and reevaluate their role in some of the changes. The number of organizations involved in housing and other supportive services have increased over the past 5-7 years and plan to have long term, more effective solutions. Comm Dr. Daniel and Commissioner Price briefly discussed the new housing policy passed that identifies and resolves gaps and disparities in housing throughout the city.

### **Dallas County Mental Health Advisory Committee Update**

**Yordanos Melake**, CJD, Program Manager, provided the update on the 16.22 CCP Project. Yordanos reports there were some questions from stakeholders at one of the Advisory Committee meetings regarding the TCOOMMI Collection of Information form and the Civil DA has provided a final decision agreed upon by Judge Autry and communicated to Adapt. Yordanos states that IT is currently working with Harris Logic on creating a report that will track reporting needs for OCA and also working to find a solution to a process that has been affected by the new Odyssey system.

### **Legislative Update**

**Janie Metzinger**, NTBHA, reviewed the list of bills sent via email to BHLT members. Janie says those highlighted in grey will not be on the next legislative report due to either the sponsor missing deadlines or not enough votes. Janie states that H.B. 362, a bill that will legalize Fentanyl test strips (FTS) to detect the presence of fentanyl or any other derivative, is stuck in criminal justice and is not moving through the house.

Commissioner Price asked Charlene Randolph to compose a letter to document the BHLT Committee's support for the passing of H.B. 362- Legalizing Fentanyl Strips by the Texas Senate.

### **BHLT Voting Membership Review Committee Update**

**Charlene Randolph**, Director, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Charlene stated an invite to all voting members was sent and asked for volunteers for the BHLT voting membership review committee. 9 individuals responded agreeing to volunteer and the committee had their first meeting Friday May 5. The committee is made up of; Julie Turnbull (DAO), Dr Athena Trenton (NAMI), Carol Lucky (NTBHA), Ken Medlock (SABHC), Lynn Richardson (PDO), Dr. David Woody (The Bridge), Dr. Judith Hunter (Metrocare), Doug Denton (Homeward Bound) and Dr. Jane Lebeau (Children's). This committee plans to meet the Friday before the next BHLT, any recommendation made will be communicated to BHLT. This committee plans to have their work completed by September.

### **Funding Opportunities Updates**

#### **• Cottages Update**

**Charlene Randolph**, Director, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update. Charlene states the Cottages Monthly Property Metrics are in the BHLT supplemental packet. Charlene reports that the resident census at the Cottages for April started at 46 and ended the month

with 45. The Cottages had 10 DHA inspections and clients continue to engage in community groups, case management and nursing services.

- **SAMHSA Residential Treatment Grant Update**

**Deborah Hill**, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Department, provided the update.

Deborah states that there have been 24 admissions to treatment for grant year 5 and 6 pending admissions on the wait list for April (5 waiting for Homeward Bound and 1 for Nexus). There has been a reduction of the waitlist since last month's 12 pending admissions. Deborah announced that Marcus Turner Jr, SAMHSA Grant Coordinator, will be providing future SAMHSA updates to BHLT. Marcus reported that he aims to strengthen communication and collaboration with partners to create effective strategies and reporting systems.

- **Community Courts Grant Update-Public Defender's Office (PD)**

**Lynn Richardson**, Chief, Public Defenders Office provided the update. Chief Richardson

announced the National Association of Drug Court Professionals coming up. Chief Richardson states that she will be serving on a panel for the Center for Justice Innovation and doing some sessions on the value of community courts. The PDs office continues to staff City of Dallas community courts (Dallas Drug Court & Veterans Court) in collaboration with stakeholders.

- **Restorative Justice Division-District Attorney's Office (RJD)**

**Julie Turnbull**, Chief, Restorative Justice Division, District Attorney's Office, provided the update. Julie stated that the DAs office has started filming for the new training videos for all LEAs and the DPD chief along with the Irving Police chief will be on the video as well.

### **Upcoming Events and Notifications**

- **Carol Lucky**, NTBHA, CEO announced that Judge Lela Mays will be providing training and education on Fentanyl and Narcan at the Warren United Methodist Church on Tuesday 5/23/23 at 6pm. Organizers will also be giving away Narcan kits.
- **Dr. Walter Taylor**, Chief Strategy Officer, NTBHA announced there will be a stage play by J.D. Lawrence called "SKITZophrenia" on June 2 at 8pm at the Bishop Arts Theater Center. NTBHA will also be working in collaboration with New Light Church Pastor Shaun Rabb and All Nations Fellowship Pastor Rob Canady on an event on June 3; "Men's Healthcare: Physical and Mental Check-Up". Dr. Morrow, author of "Things That Make Men Cry" will be a special guest.
- **Vickie Rice**, Special Programs Division Director, Public Defenders Office announced that the Public Defender's Office will be hosting a walk in honor of mental health awareness month, called, "Breaking the Silence Mental Health Walk" on Saturday May 20th 10a-2p. This will be an opportunity for stakeholders to get together and have conversations around community engagement, community outreach and visibility. Lastly, the PDs Podcast "The Deep Dive" is now live on Spotify. Vickie Rice, took a moment to thank all stakeholders (mentions- NTBHA, CJD, Adapt, DAO) on helping with recent successes in some challenging cases.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Price thanked everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

**Mission Statement:** The Dallas County Behavioral Health Housing Work Group (DCBHWG), with diverse representation, will formulate recommendations on the creation of housing and housing related support services designed to safely divert members of special populations in crisis away from frequent utilization of expensive and sometimes unnecessary inpatient stays, emergency department visits and incarceration.

Success will be measured in placement of consumers in housing and the decreased utilization of higher levels of care (hospitals and emergency care visits) and reduced incarceration in the Dallas County Jail. The DCBHWG is committed to a data driven decision-making process with a focus on data supported outcomes.

**ATTENDEES:** Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Erin Moore, Dallas County; Tzeggabran Kidane, Dallas County; Judge D'Metria Benson, Dallas County, Jaymaya Pruitt, Dallas County; Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp; Linicha Hunter, DART; Dawn Dorman, DART; Tanya Brooks, DART; Janie Metzinger, NTBHA; Angela Morhead, Volunteers of America; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Sara Masih, Salvation Army; Kimberly Onofre, Sharing Life Ministries, Sara Craig, Housing Forward, Charlene Randolph, DCCJ

**Dr. Daniel opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The minutes were approved with no change.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

##### Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:

Commissioner Daniel reported the Dallas Area Partnership is reorganizing and moving to determine if the partnership will define and progress their purpose forward or determine if their efforts are a duplication of services already being rendered. The next meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### Dallas County Homeless Advisory Committee:

Erin Moore reported Dr. Huang gave a final COVID-19 update. This meeting was to determine the efforts and influences within the shelters. The Eviction Prevention Task Force that is being coordinated by United Way and several other organizations including Dallas County, presented information to the committee as well. The focus of the committee continues to be on the definition of homelessness and a study is being conducted to determine the cost of homelessness within the county.

##### Federal and State Legislative Update: Janie Metzinger, NTBHA

Janie Metzinger reported that legislative session just adjourned but only for a short moment. A legislative summary will be provided mid-June due to the Governor having until June 18<sup>th</sup> to either sign or veto bills. The budget will allocate \$26 million dollars to the opioid settlement. Statewide, state hospitals are either being constructed or reconstructed and the areas to see this construction include Dallas/Fort Worth, Terrell, and Wichita Falls. Another initiative within this legislation created a discharge planning team to assist patients once they are discharged from the state hospital. They will be tasked with connecting individuals to services. This service will help to alleviate the "brokering" that is being done to newly discharged patients going into boarding homes. Cities currently regulate the boarding homes, but the legislature has allowed a new amendment on HB 216 with limited language that allows counties and municipalities to regulate boarding homes. There was ongoing discussion regarding boarding home certification and regulation.

##### DART Presentation: Dawn Dorman, Linicha Hunter, and Tanya Brooks, DART

Dawn Dorman introduced the DART presentation on the changes made in 2022 and the future of the DART system. Linicha Hunter presented on the Redesign Phase 2 Area Plan in which she touched on service expansion and a fare study being conducted by DART. Tanya Brooks presented on the DART capital projects, programs and the customer experience. She highlighted DART's corridor investments, their fleet transition plan, and their passenger amenities and facilities. She stated that DART has turned 40 years old this year and they are redesigning these systems to upgrade them to modern time.

## **RESOURCES**

Shelter Discussions: A representative was not available for the meeting. The report will be given at next month's meeting.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty

Eric McCarty was not available for the meeting. The report is included in the packet.

Housing Navigator: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The FUSE April data is in the packet. FUSE partners are working to reconstruct the program and they are searching for other fundraising opportunities. The United Way will discontinue its primary financial support of the FUSE program on June 30<sup>th</sup> but will continue to offer support in other ways. CitySquare will also not be the lead agency of the project as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The project will continue with two shelter partners that have funding to assist and another partner may be on board, but it is contingent on the funding availability. More discussion about the progression of the project will take place at the June 13<sup>th</sup> FUSE partnership meeting.

Homeless Jail Dashboard: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

The report is provided to the group in the meeting packet. There was a decrease in the total number of jail book-ins from March to April, but an increase in the suspected number of mental health book-ins. There has also been a consistent decrease to the number of criminal trespass offenses reported.

Housing Authority Report: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County HHS

Thomas Lewis was not available for the meeting, but his report is included in the packet. The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) had 124 vouchers allocated by HUD and three (3) open vouchers.

CARES Act/ARPA Funds: Dallas County

Report will be given at the next meeting.

## **PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Housing Forward updates: Sara Craig, Housing Forward

Sara Craig said that her report is included in the packet. She highlighted that the City of Dallas was chosen to be a partner with the White House and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to host a designated team member who will work with Housing Forward to learn and offer insights on legislative issues. This is a two-year partnership in which they will learn about the Dallas homeless community and how we are working to reduce homelessness in the area.

Pretrial Diversion and Mental Health Screening: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County

Kimberly Rawls reported for Laura Edwards. She reported that things are continuing to go well, and the Criminal Justice department is working with stakeholders to implement the 1622 CCP mental health evaluation expansion that is expected to start soon. Kimberly also stated the Criminal Justice department is working diligently to screen and assess first time felony offenders charged with nonviolent offenses to connect them with various diversion programs. The Criminal Justice Department was able to refer 173 candidates and the CJD assessors were able to complete 95 assessments in April.

Dallas Connector: Daniel Roby, Austin Street

Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton stated that his report is in the packet. He reported that 17 clients were assisted in April and in May, 31 clients were referred to the program. Doug credited the work of NTBHA's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) and Critical Time Intervention (CTI) for engaging distressed clients before law enforcement is dispatched, if they can. There has been an increase of five to six people from their work. Irving and Garland have also made first time referrals for use. The Deflection Center has also developed a relationship with Constables of Precinct 1 and Precinct 5 to develop a concept to assist clients who are in mental health crises and experiencing eviction. The Deflection Center would be a resource to assist with the stabilization of the client to move them into a healthier situation.

Youth Housing: Josh Cogan, A Way Home America  
Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Family Housing: Ellen Magnis, Family Gateway  
Ellen Magnis was unavailable for the meeting, but her report is in the packet.

Mattingly Report: Jim Mattingly, Lumacorp  
Quarterly report will be provided next quarter.

***The meeting was adjourned with words of motivation by staying engaged and informed by Dr. Daniel.***

***Next Meeting: June 28, 2023***





## Department of Criminal Justice FY2023 SAMHSA Grant Project

Department of Criminal Justice FY2023 SAMHSA Grant Project																		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	FY2023 Total	FY2022 Total	FY2021 Total	FY2020 Total	FY2019 Total	
<b>Nexus</b> New Admissions	0	2	2	0	1	4	2	3					14	14	23	26	25	
<b>Nexus</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	0	51	27	0	52	21	20	12					30	16	12	12	8	
<b>Homeward Bound</b> New Admissions	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	3					16	16	14	24	11	
<b>Homeward Bound</b> Average Days in Jail from Referral to Admission	13	19	50	84	96	114	120	37					67	94	92	79	7	
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT DISCHARGES																		
<b>Successful</b>	1	0	1	3	1	1	4	3					14	19	22	43	27	
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	2					10	5	7	11	3	
REFERRING SPECIALTY COURTS FY2023																		
<b>Number of Referrals by Specialty Courts</b>		AIM		5			DWI						STAR	2				
		ATLAS		1			IIP						Veterans					
		Competency		13			Legacy Family						4-C					
		DDC					MHJD/SET		6				CCC 1- App		2			
		DIVERT					STAC		14									

\*Homeward Bound Pending Admission: 3

\*Nexus Pending Admission: 0

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 ATLAS STATISTICS											203rd				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER ATLAS PARTICIPANTS	BOND
April	42	1	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	41	20	4	0	16

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 MISDEMEANOR DIVERT MENTAL HEALTH COURT STATS											CCCAP1/WADE				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	Rediverts	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	DISMISSAL	OTHER	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BOND***			
April	23	0	3	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	14	0	13			

HARRY INGRAM		FY2023 S.E.T. STATISTICS											291st				
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TBJ	TBC	PLEAS	REV	GRADUATES	PROBATION MODIFICATIONS	DISMISSALS	OTHERS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	ENDING # PENDING CASES **	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS	CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN CUSTODY	FORMER PARTICIPANTS	BOND
April	62	4	66	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	63	29	3	0	26

April		FY2023 MHPD STATS														
	BEGINNING # OF PENDING CASES	+NEW CASES RECEIVED THIS MONTH	=TOTAL CASES	TRIALS	PLEAS	COND. DISM.	REVK	REVC	DISMISSALS	INCOMPETENT	REFERRALS	OTHER COUNSEL APPT.	TOTAL CLOSED			
R. Lenox	323	29	352	0	21	8	0	0	8	0	1	2	40			
L. Strather	426	12	438	0	2	16	1	0	4	0	1	8	32			

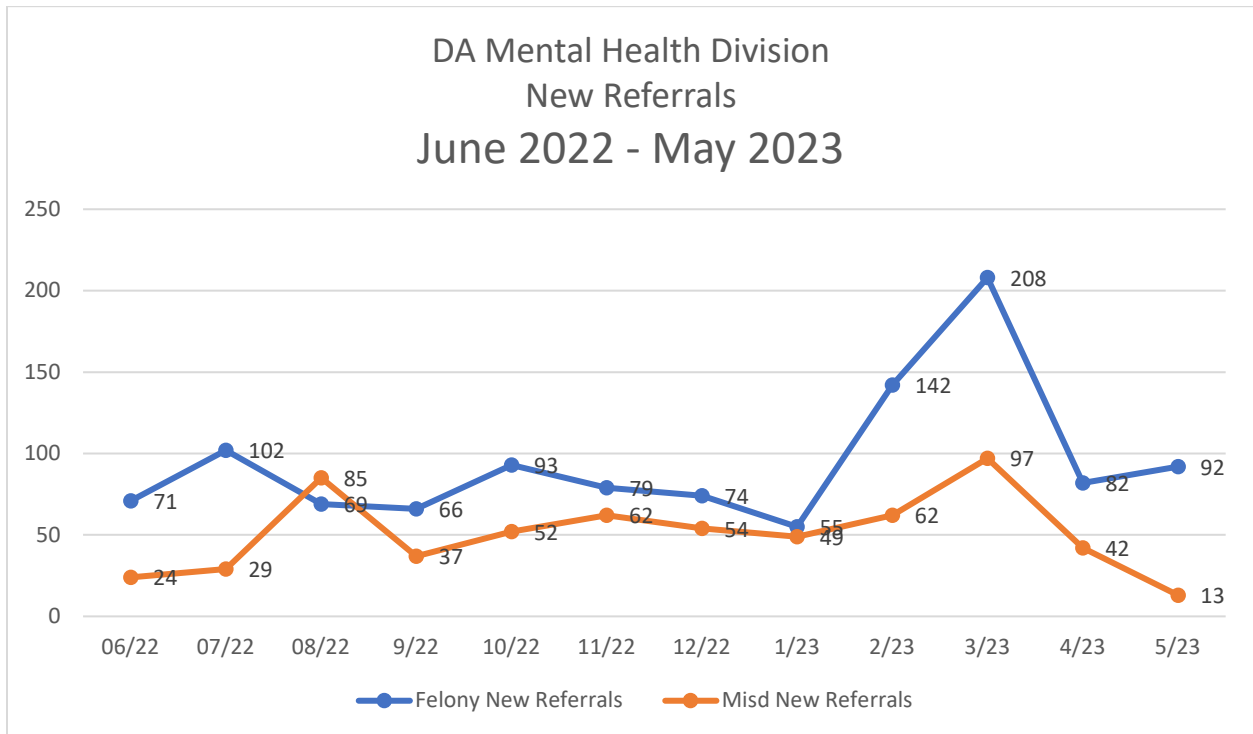
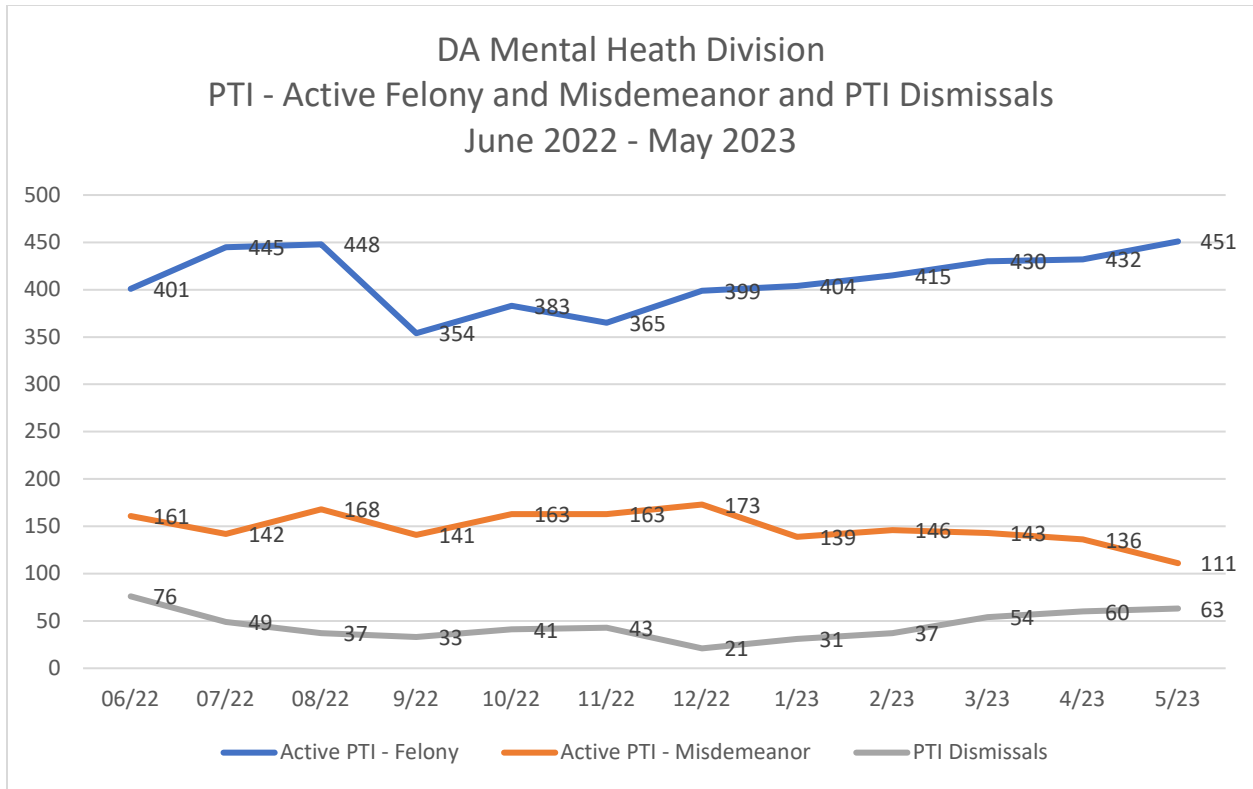
April		FY2023 FELONY COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
M. Harden	220	12	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	12	3	0	0	0	3	11
R. Scott	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

RANDALL SCOTT		FY2023 MISDEMEANOR COMPETENCY STATISTICS														
MONTH	BEGINNING # OF CASES	NEW CASES THIS MONTH	TBJ	TBC	Alt. Trial Dispos.	PLEAS	REVO-CATIONS	DISMISSALS	PROBATION	COMP. HRG.	EXTENSIONS	CIVIL COMMIT.	MHMR REFERRAL	CONSULTS	OTHER	ENDING # OF PEOPLE IN OCR
April	86	47	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	19	0	3	0	0	0	17

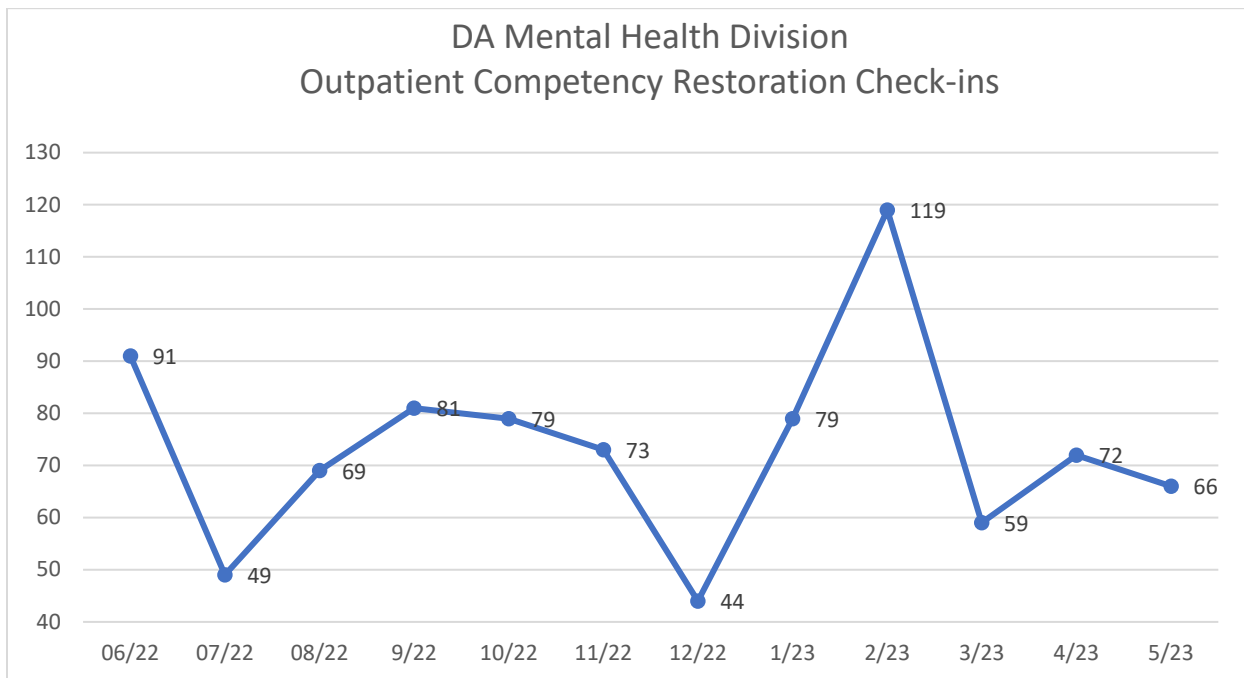
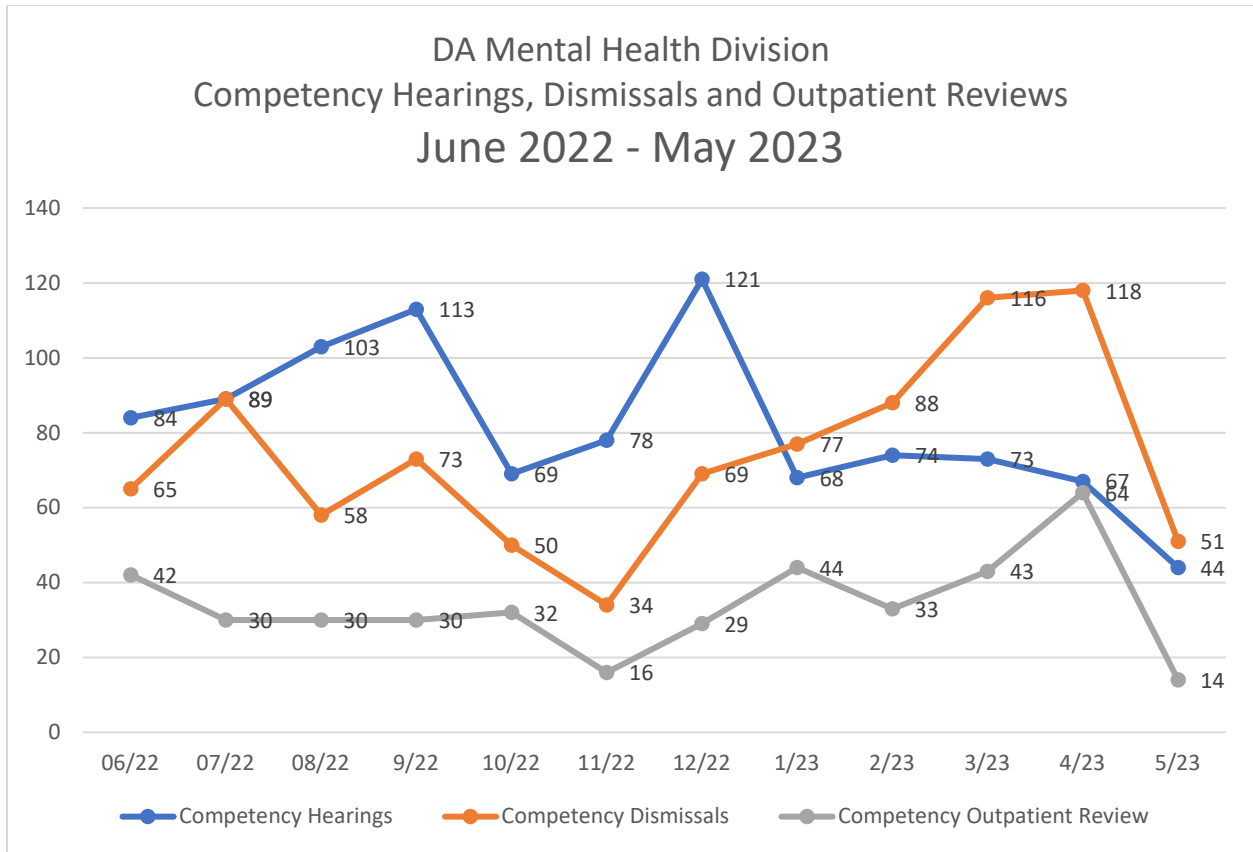
April		MI Court																							
MONTH	TOTAL NEW CASES RECEIVED	NEW CLIENTS AT TERRELL	NEW CLIENTS AT MEDICAL CENTER MCKINNEY	NEW CLIENTS AT GLEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT TEXOMA	NEW CLIENTS AT PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	NEW CLIENTS AT PARKLAND	NEW CLIENTS AT CLEMENTS (formerly ZALE LIPSHY)	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN	NEW CLIENTS AT DALLAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	NEW CLIENTS AT HICKORY TRAILS	NEW CLIENTS AT VA	NEW CLIENTS AT GREEN OAKS	NEW CLIENTS AT GARLAND BEHAVIORAL	NEW CLIENTS AT METHODIST RICHARDSON	NEW CLIENTS AT WELLBRIDGE	NEW CLIENTS AT THRIFIELD ARLINGTON	MR/MILLWOOD/AVEN	PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS HELD	NO CONTEST COMMIT	CONTESTED COMMIT	FORCED MEDS HEARING IN COURT	MODIFICATION HEARINGS	OUTPATIENT COMMIT	INPATIENT COMMIT
L. Roberts	63	6	10	41	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0
C. Cox	122	0	0	0	0	0	103	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	12	0	0	0
K. Nelson	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	96	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	12	12	1	0	0
R. Black	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	36	31	0	0	5	0	7	7	0	0	0

DAN ECKSTEIN		MHPR BOND STATS										
MONTH	INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS)	MHPR BOND APPOINTMENTS FROM DAILY LIST (MH FLAGS MINUS THOSE SCREENED-OUT)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND GRANTED (# of clients)	MHPR BOND HEARING-BOND DENIED (# of clients)	TOTAL HEARINGS (# of clients)	Total # of Cases	Total # of Felony Cases	# of Felonies Approved	# of Felonies Denied	Total # of Misd. Cases	# of Misd's Approved	# of Misd's Denied
April	2285	234	48	20	68	106	74	51	23	32	21	11

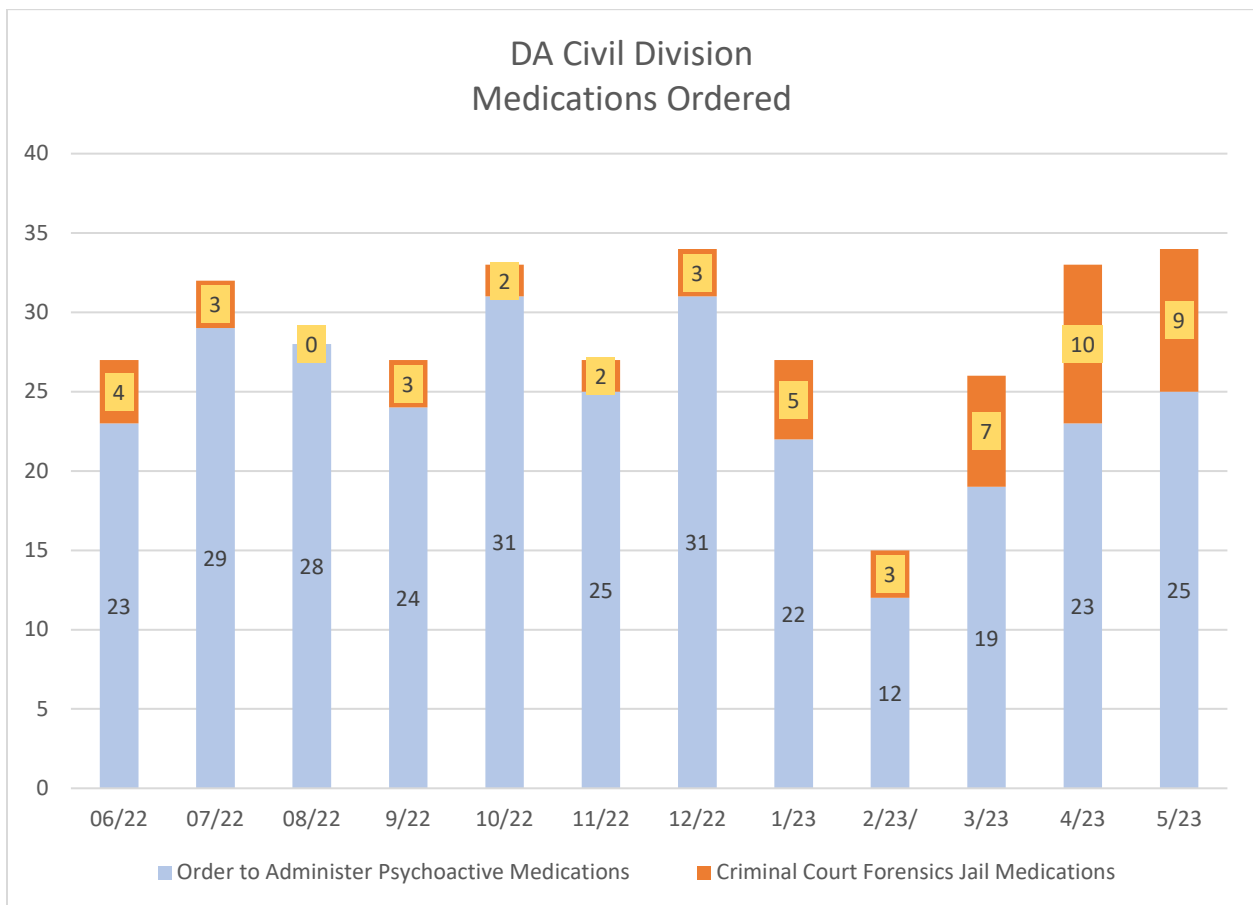
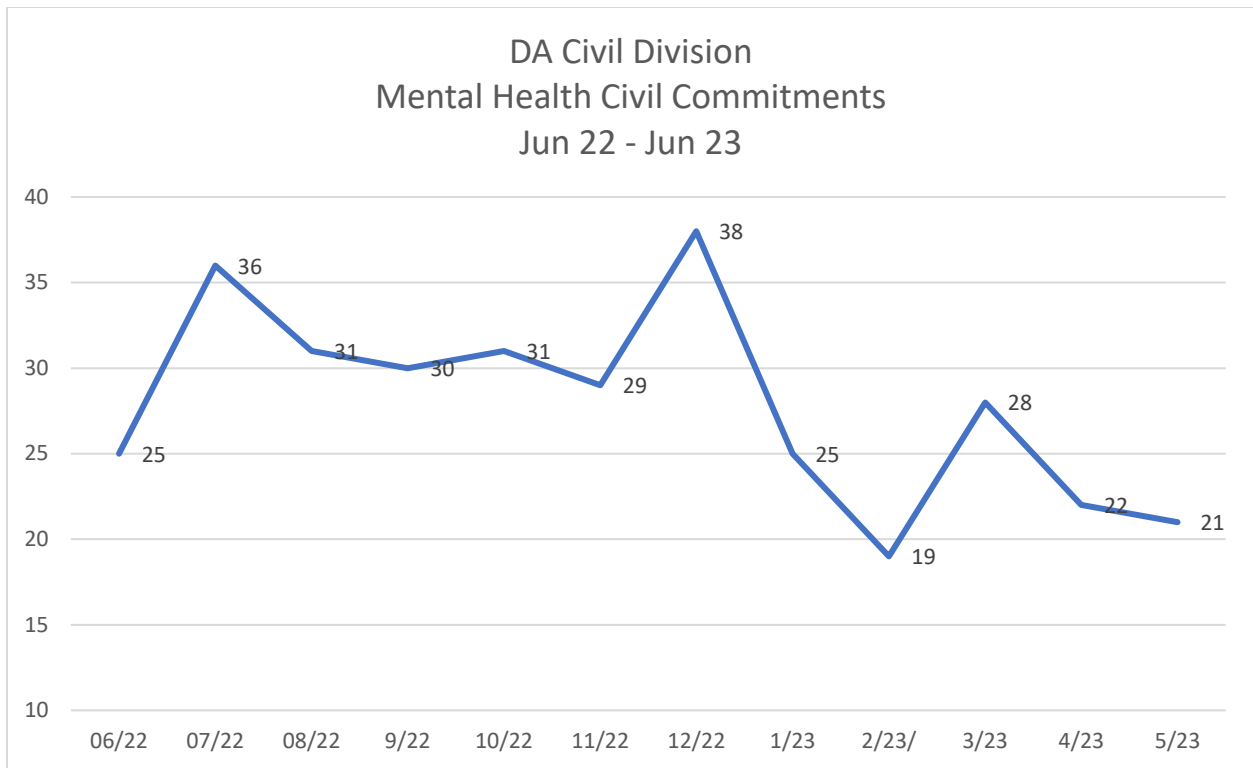
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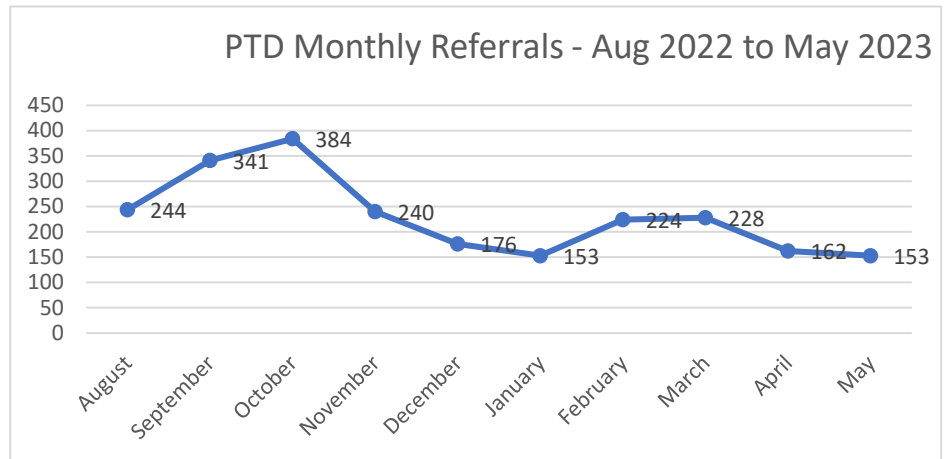


## Restorative Justice Division General Pre-Trial Diversion

### PTD Monthly Referrals

Aug 2022 to May 2023

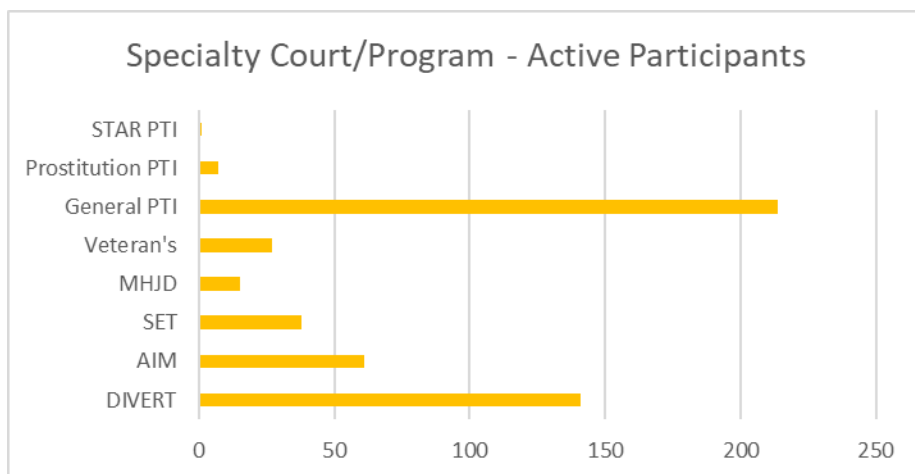
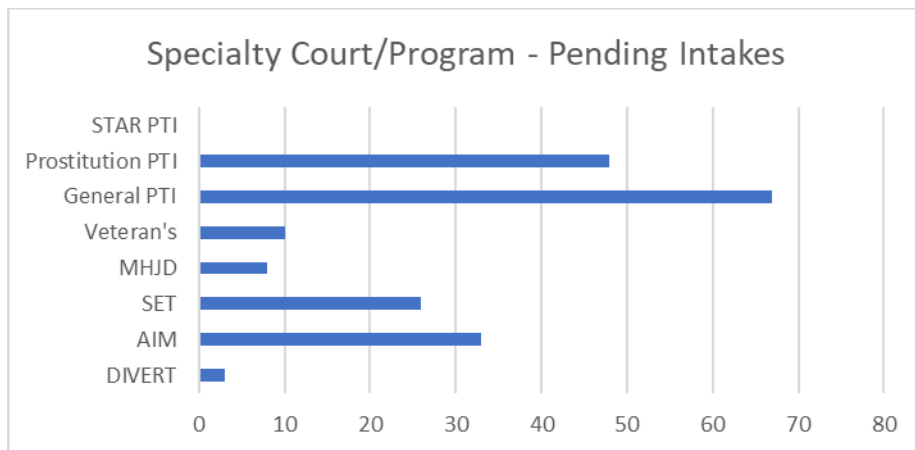
Month	Total Referrals
June	8
July	124
August	141
September	187
October	204
November	245
December	368
January	208
February	241
March	512
April	395
May	386
June	353
July	417
August	244
September	341
October	384
November	240
December	176
January	153
February	224
March	228
April	162
May	153



# Specialty Court & Programs Monthly Statistics - May 2023

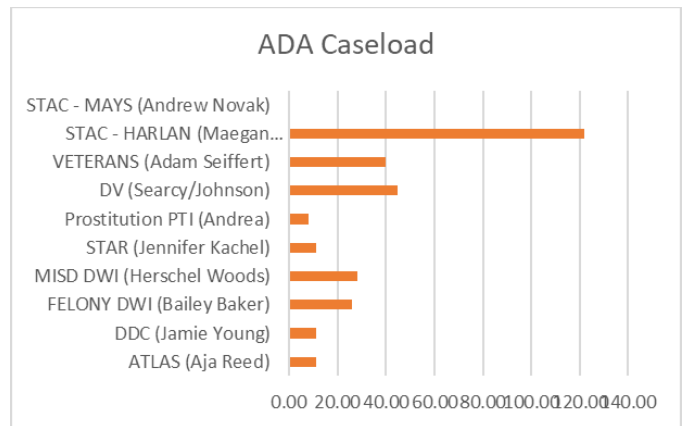
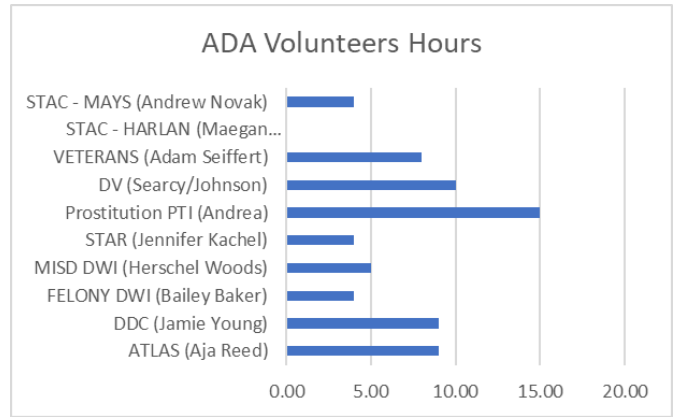


Specialty Court/Program	Pending Intak	Graduate	Failed	Active
DIVERT	3	8	2	141
AIM	33	0	0	61
SET	26	2	0	38
MHJD	8	1	1	15
Veteran's	10	9	0	27
General PTI	67	25	3	214
Prostitution PTI	48	2	6	7
STAR PTI	0	0	0	1



## RJD SPECIALTY COURT/PROGRAMS ADA VOLUNTEER HOURS- May 2023

Specialty Court/Program	Hours	Caseload
ATLAS (Aja Reed)	9.00	11.00
DDC (Jamie Young)	9.00	11.00
FELONY DWI (Bailey Baker)	4.00	26.00
MISD DWI (Herschel Woods)	5.00	28.00
STAR (Jennifer Kachel)	4.00	11.00
Prostitution PTI (Andrea)	15.00	8.00
DV (Searcy/Johnson)	10.00	45.00
VETERANS (Adam Seiffert)	8.00	40.00
STAC - HARLAN (Maegan Westbrook)	0.00	122.00
STAC - MAYS (Andrew Novak)	4.00	





# DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

2022-23	22-Aug	22-Sep	22-Oct	22-Nov	22-Dec	23-Jan	23-Feb	23-Mar	23-Apr	23-May	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL TRIAGED</b>	2	17	14	29	21	22	21	20	17	38	201
Referral Source											
Dallas PD											0
SC Div	1	4	4	4	2	3	7		1	3	29
SW Div				4	1	3	1	2	2	1	14
SE Div		3	1	2	4	1		1	2	1	15
NC Div				2	2	1	3	1	2		11
NE Div			6	5		2	1	2	2	2	20
NW Div		2	1	2			1	2			8
CEN Div	1	3	1	6	7	4	2	5	1	2	32
Right Care					1	1		1			3
Dallas Marshal - CDC		1									1
Great SW Coalition				3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
SE Coalition								1		1	2
NTBHA MCOT/CTI						5	4	2	3	19	33
Garland PD										1	1
Irving PD										1	1
DART PD		4		1	1			1	2	4	13
DCHD - Parkland PD			1		2	1	1	1	1	2	9
<b>TRIAGE OUTCOME</b>	2	17	14	29	21	22	21	20	17	38	



**FUSE DATA FY 2022-2023  
12 MONTH**

<b>Category Item</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
<b>Total Clients Triaged for FUSE</b>	375	371	340	283	304	385	304	294	318	321		
<b>Referral Source</b>												
Jail FUSE Navigator Triage	332	311	288	238	268	345	248	254	272	284		
NTBHA Living Room Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Defense Attorney Referral	6	12	5	9	5	7	4	3	5	7		
Shelter/Street FUSE Navigator Referral	14	19	18	12	7	10	34	22	11	0		
Other Referral Source	15	21	21	15	17	14	11	8	22	18		
Pretrial Referral	8	8	8	9	7	9	7	7	8	12		
<b>Client Triage/Referral Outcomes</b>												
Released to Another Program or Agency	6	9	2	2	4	12	13	24	22	2		
Referral Banned from Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate or Interview attempt	11	14	1	4	1	8	5	2	4	5		
Client didn't qualify for FUSE	158	149	136	144	123	144	112	117	130	114		
Immigration Hold	11	8	4	2	6	11	1	9	2	5		
Client report not being Homeless	5	9	8	8	5	2	3	0	3	5		
Released (i.e. Posted Bond)	47	31	79	17	56	77	60	47	70	82		
Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	5	14	9	2	5	4	12	2	7	0		
FUSE bond denied	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1		
<b>Pending Client Referrals</b>												
Waiting on info, Waiting on Bond to Post, and pending attorney response	108	115	83	75	87	106	83	71	57	89		
In Quarantine/Medical/Interview Pending	7	2	3	9	4	12	2	7	9	9		
<b>Shelter Assignment</b>												
<b>Total Released from Jail to FUSE</b>	15	20	15	19	13	9	12	15	13	9		
Austin Street Center	6	1	0	4	3	2	4	7	5	2		
The Bridge	8	12	14	11	10	7	7	5	7	7		
Salvation Army	1	7	1	4	0	0	1	3	1	0		
Qualified Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Shelter Connection Rate</b>												
Austin Street Center	2	1	0	4	3	1	2	4	4	0		
The Bridge	3	8	4	3	5	2	4	2	6	5		
Salvation Army	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Client Abscond/Did Not Connect	10	8	11	10	5	6	6	8	2	4		
<b>Housed</b>	1	1	3	4	1	0	2	1	8	5		
<b>Housing Priority List or Info sent to Housing Forward</b>	7	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	0		

**June 8, 2023**

**BHLT Committee Meeting  
Supplemental Packet**

**Includes:**

- 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Bills Related to Publicly Funded Behavioral Health by Legislative Action To- Date
- 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Progress on Behavioral Health Bills to Hearing and Beyond- Status as of May 22,2023



**88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature**  
**Bills Related to Publicly Funded Behavioral Health**  
**by Legislative Action To-Date**  
As of June 6, 2023

## State Budget Bills

[HB 1](#)-Bonnen and Huffman-General Appropriations Act-State Budget-Passed House and Senate.  
Sent to Comptroller for certification 5/30.

[SB 30](#)-Huffman and Bonnen-Supplemental Appropriations Bill-Passed House and Senate.  
Sent to Comptroller for certification 5/30.

## Signed by Governor

### HOUSE BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

[HB 49](#)-Klick-Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 241.051 and 577.013 regarding public access to hospital investigation information and materials, including licensed mental hospitals.

Section 1-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 241.051-Hospitals-Enforcement-Inspections.

Section 2-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 577.013-Private Mental Hospital and Other Mental Health Facilities-Investigations.

Each section amends the two codes with the following, respectively.

- Updates references from Texas Department of State Health Services to Information to Texas Health and Human Services Commission regarding hospital inspection and mental hospital inspections.
- Updates references from Texas Department of State Health Services to Information to Texas Health and Human Services Commission regarding hospital inspections.
- Protects personally identifiable information of a patient or healthcare provider.
- Information is subject to disclosure in accordance with Texas Open Government-Public Information statutes (with the exception of personally identifiable information) includes:
  - Notice of hospital's alleged violations, specifying the law violated and the nature of the violation.
  - Number of investigations of the hospital that HHSC has conducted.
  - Pleadings to impose a penalty against the hospital.
  - Outcome of each investigation, reprimand, license denial or revocation, corrective action plans, administrative penalties, amount of administrative penalty.
  - Final decisions, copies of investigative report and commission's orders to address the complaint.
  - Requires HHSC to post the notice of violation on it's website including:
    - » Name and geographic location of the hospital.
    - » Date of the final decision, report or order.
    - » Outcome of the investigation.
    - » Information must remain posted for two years.
  - Allows a hospital to release medical records upon request by the patient.
  - Allows a hospital to release medical records to a patient, parent or guardian of a minor or incapacitated patient or to the personal representative of a deceased person.

Section 3-Changes apply to investigations finalized on or after the effective date of this Act.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 5/19. Effective September 1, 2023.

## House Bills Signed by the Governor—continued

**HB 446**-Craddick. Amends numerous Texas Codes.

- Updates statutory language related to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in:
  - Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
  - Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  - Texas Family Code-Title 3-Juvenile Justice Code
  - Texas Finance Code.
  - Texas Government Code.
  - Texas Health and Safety Code.
  - Texas Human Resources Code.
  - Texas Insurance Code.
  - Texas Labor Code.
  - Texas Local Government Code.
  - Texas Occupations Code
  - Texas Transportation Code
  - Texas Tax Code.
- Repeals Texas Health and Safety Code 531.0021(c) referring to “local mental retardation authority.
- Repeals definitions of “Mental retardation” and “Person with mental retardation in Texas Health and Safety Code 591.003.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 5/15. Effective September 1, 2023.

**HB 492**-Craddick-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 7, Subtitle C. Adds Chapter 579 allow the Ector County Hospital District and the Midland County Hospital District to create a mental health hospital district to provide mental health services for the residents of the district.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 5/23. Effective September 1, 2023.

## SENATE BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

**SB 63**-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Government Code 531, Subchapter B to add Section 531.0932.

Directs HHSC and the Texas Veterans Commission collaborate on the production of an instruction guide for families and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders to be available on each agency website to include:

- General information about mental health disorders.
- Techniques for handling crisis situations including mental health first aid.
- Techniques for coping with stress of living with a person with a mental health disorder and
- Services available to families and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders.

Signed by Governor May 23, 2023. Effective immediately.

## Senate Bills Signed by the Governor—continued

### SB 188-Miles. Companion-HB 1219-Reynolds

Amends Health and Safety Code, Title 9, Subtitle A, adds Chapter 769-Regulation of Certain Group Homes.

- Defines a “group home” as an establishment that provides, in one or more buildings:
  - Lodging to three or more residents who are unrelated to the owner by blood or marriage.
  - Community meals, light housework, meal preparation, transportation, grocery shopping, money management, laundry services or assistance with self-administration of medication.
  - Does not provide personal care services defined by Health and Safety Code 247.002(5) (A) and (B): (assistance with feeding, dressing, moving, bathing or other personal needs or maintenance, general supervision or oversight of the physical or mental well-being of the person needing assistance to maintain a private and independent residence in an assisted living facility, or assistance to manage the person’s personal life.
  - *Note:* The above definition of a group home mirrors the definition of a boarding home in HB 216, 81<sup>st</sup> Regular Session-2009, which added Chapter 254-Boarding Home Facilities to the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- SB 188 does not apply to persons licensed as:
  - H&S Code 142-Home and Community Support Services.
  - H&S Code 242-Convalescent and Nursing Facilities.
  - H&S Code 246-Continuing Care Facilities.
  - H&S Code 247-Assisted Living Facilities.
  - H&S Code 252-Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- SB 188 does not apply to a person, establishment or facility exempt from licensing under H&S Code 142.003(a) (19)-Providing home health, hospice, habilitation or personal assistance services only to persons receiving benefits under the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program.
  - H&S Code 242.003(3)-An establishment conducted by or for the adherents of a well-recognized church or religious denomination for the purpose of providing facilities for the care or treatment of the sick who depend exclusively on prayer or spiritual means for healing, without the use of any drug or material remedy, if the establishment complies with safety, sanitary and quarantine laws and rules.
  - H&S Code 247.004.(4)-A facility that provides personal care services provided only to persons enrolled in funded and monitored by DSHS or the Local Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority (LIDDA).
  - A hotel, retirement community, monastery, convent, licensed child-care facility, licensed family violence shelter, a sorority or fraternity house, a college or university dormitory.
- Requires group homes must perform criminal background checks on employees, and to prohibit hiring of any person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor or a felony including criminal homicide, kidnapping, unlawful restraint, smuggling of persons, trafficking of persons, sexual offenses, assault, offenses against the family, arson, criminal mischief, property damage, property destruction, robbery, burglary, criminal trespass, theft, fraud, computer crimes, telecommunications crimes, money laundering, insurance fraud, health care fraud, conduct affecting public health, or organized crime.
- An owner or operator of a group home who violates SB 188 commits a Class A misdemeanor.

Signed by Governor 5/23. Effective September 1, 2023.

[SB 240](#)-Campbell. Amends Texas Health and Safety Code Title 4 to add Subtitle H related to workplace violence at a home and community support services agency, hospital, nursing facility, ambulatory surgical center, freestanding emergency medical care facility or mental hospital.

- Requires each facility to establish a workplace violence prevention committee or authorize an existing committee to develop a workplace violence prevention plan.
- Requires a written workplace violence prevention policy.
- Requires implementation and enforcement of the workplace violence prevention plan that includes input from providers and employees.
- Providers and employees must be allowed to report incidents of workplace violence.
- Requires facility to adjust patient care assignments to the extent practicable, to prevent a health care provider or employee from treating or providing services to a patient who has intentionally physically abused or threatened the provider or employee.
- Requires annual workplace violence prevention training or education.
- Requires annual review and evaluation of the workplace violence prevention plan.
- Requires post-incident response including acute medical treatment, report to law enforcement.
- Prohibits discipline, suspension, termination, discrimination, or retaliation against a person who in good faith reports workplace violence or advises a health care worker to report an incident.

SB 240 Signed by Governor 5/15. Effective September 1, 2023.

[SB 850](#)-Blanco-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 113.0052.

- Adds each Regional Education Service Center predominately serving rural school districts to the composition of the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium.
- Removes a representative from UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center from the Consortium.
- Adds a representative of the rural Regional Education Service Centers to the Executive Committee governing the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium.
- Executive Committee terms are for two years. Members may be re-appointed.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 5/23. Effective 9/1/23.

[SB 1319](#)-Huffman-Allows public health authorities, local health authorities or law enforcement agencies to provide overdose information to a governmental entity that maintains a computerized system through participation agreement.

Section 1-Amends Health and Safety Code 161-Reports of Gunshot Wounds and Controlled Substance Overdoses.

- Adds 161.045-Mandatory Reporting of Controlled Substance Overdoses for Public Safety Mapping.
- Defines “controlled substance”, “emergency medical services personnel”, “opioid antagonist”, and “overdose”.
- Applies only to emergency medical services operating within the jurisdiction of a local health authority or a law enforcement agency participating in a overdose mapping agreement.
- Requires reporting of an overdose incident to the local health authority or law enforcement agency.
- Mandatory reporting of controlled substance overdoses to include:
  - Date and time of the overdose incident.
  - Approximate location of overdose.
  - Whether and opioid antagonist was administered, the number of doses and type of delivery.
  - Whether the overdose was fatal or non-fatal.



SB 1319-Huffman-continued

- Provides civil and criminal liability protection for a person making a good faith report.
- Law enforcement agencies may use information received only for mapping overdose locations for public safety purposes.
- Information is confidential and not subject to disclosure as public information.

Section 2-Amends Texas Local Government Code 370-Public Safety-Miscellaneous Provisions Relating to Municipal and County Health and Public Safety.

- Adds 370.007-Participation Agreement for Overdose Mapping
- A local health authority or law enforcement agency shall enter into a participation agreement with an entity that maintains a computerized system for mapping overdoses of one or more controlled substances for public safety purposes.
- Requires local health authority or law enforcement agency to provide overdose information to the entity if the entity maintains an overdose map that includes the controlled substance.
- Local health authorities, law enforcement agencies, or their employees are not subject to civil or criminal liability for providing overdose information.
- Information is confidential and not subject to disclosure as public information.
- This section does not waive sovereign immunity to suit or liability.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 5/24. Effective 9/1/23.

# Passed Texas Legislature and Sent to the Governor

## HOUSE BILLS SENT TO GOVERNOR

**HB 6-Goldman-Amends Texas Death Records statutes, Texas Controlled Substance Act to designate poisoning with a controlled substance on the death certificate of a deceased person. Addresses criminal penalties for offenses.**

- Amends Texas Health and Safety Codes 193-Death Records
  - 193.005-Death Records-Personal Information-Requires person conducting an inquest to include the term “Fentanyl Poisoning” or “Fentanyl Toxicity” if a lethal concentration is found in the body of the deceased person and the results of the autopsy are consistent with opioid overdose as a cause of death.
- Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 481-Texas Controlled Substances Act.
  - 481.102-Deletes fentanyl-related drugs from Penalty Group 1.
  - 481.1022-Adds fentanyl-related drugs to Penalty Group 1-B.
  - 481.1123-Makes manufacture or delivery of Penalty Group 1-B:
    - (b) Less than one gram-third degree felony.
  - Makes the following offenses first degree felonies:
    - 481.112 (e) and (f)-Manufacture or delivery Penalty Group 1.
    - 481.1121(b)-Manufacture or delivery of Penalty Group 1-A.
    - 481.1123-Manufacture or delivery of Penalty Group 1-B:
      - » (d) 4 to 200 grams-first degree felony.
      - » (e) 200 to 400 grams-first degree felony.
      - » (f) 400 grams or more-first degree felony.
    - 481.113 (e)-Manufacture or delivery of 400 grams or more of Penalty Group 2 or 2-A substance.
    - 481.114 (e)-Sale or provision of 400 grams or more of a synthetic cannabinoid.
    - 481.115 (f)-Possession of 400 grams or more of a Penalty Group 1 or 1-B substance.
    - 481.1151(b) (5)-Possession of 8000 or more abuse units of a Penalty Group 1-A substance.
    - 481.116 (e)-Possession of 400 grams or more of a Penalty Group 2 substance.
    - 481.1161 (b)-Possession of 50 to 2000 pounds of a Penalty Group 2-A substance.
    - 481.117 (e)-Possession of 400 grams or more of a Penalty Group 3 substance.
    - 481.118 (e)-Possession of 400 grams or more of a Penalty Group 4 substance.
    - 481.120 (b) (6)-Delivery of more than 2000 pounds of marihuana.
    - 481.121(b) (6)-Possession of more than 2000 pounds of marihuana.
    - 481.126(a)-Knowing illegal barter, expenditure or investment of funds derived from commission of a first degree felony.
    - 481.134 (c)-Drug Free Zones-Adds five years imprisonment and doubles the maximum fine if the above crimes were committed in, on, or within 1000 feet of a school, a public or private youth center, or a playground, on a school bus, or by anyone 18 years of age or older in, on, or within 1000 feet of a residential treatment center.
    - 481.141(d)-Punishment may not be increased if the defendant is also prosecuted for murder under Penal Code 19.02 (b) (4) for conduct occurring during the same criminal episode.

## HB 6-Goldman-continued

- Amends Texas Penal Code 19.02-Murder.
  - Adds 19.02 (b) (4)-“Knowingly manufactures or delivers a controlled substance included in Penalty Group 1-B under Section 481.1022, Health and Safety Code, and an individual dies as a result of injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or introducing into the individual’s body any amount of the controlled substance manufactured or delivered by the actor, regardless of whether the controlled substance was used by itself or with another substance, including a drug, adulterant, or dilutant.”
- Amends Texas Penal Code 71.02 (a)-Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.
  - Adds (5-b) “Unlawful possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1-B under Section 481.1022, Health and Safety Code”.
- Applies only to a death that occurs or is discovered on or after the effective date of the Act.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/24.

## [HB 12](#)-Rose-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32.024(1-1).

- Extends Medicaid to twelve months for mothers whose pregnancies end in the delivery of the child or end in the natural loss of the child.
- Directs HHSC to seek an amendment to the Texas Medicaid State Plan with appropriate federal agencies.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

## [HB 299](#)-Murr-Amends Health & Safety Code Title 6-Subtitle B. Voluntary accreditation for recovery houses.

- Adds definition for “Accrediting Organization” for recovery housing programs.
- Adds statutory definition for “Recovery House”,
  - Shared living environment that promotes sustained recovery from SUD.
  - Integrates residents into the surrounding community.
  - Connects residents to supports and services.
  - Is centered on peer support.
  - Is free from alcohol and drug use.
- Recovery houses are prohibited from providing personal care services.
- Directs HHSC to adopt minimum standards for recovery house accreditation that are consistent with those of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) and Oxford House Incorporated, and to only use NARR or Oxford House Incorporated to serve as an accrediting organization.
- Not eligible for accreditation:
  - Licensed chemical dependency treatment facility.
  - Boarding home.
  - Nursing home.
  - Continuing care facility.
  - Assisted living facility.
  - Home and community support services agency.
  - Intermediate care facility for individuals with IDD.
  - Family violence shelter.
  - Child care facility.
  - Hotel.
- Directs HHSC to adopt standards requiring at least one individual to be designated to serve as the responsible party at an accredited recovery house, who must satisfactorily complete training on HHSC and accreditation standards. This requirement does not apply to Oxford Houses.

HB 299-Murr-continued

- HHSC shall prepare an annual report on:
  - Total number of accredited recovery houses.
  - Number accredited and chartered in the last year.
  - Concerns.
  - Number of revoked accreditations last year.
  - Reasons for revocations.
- Patient solicitation or patronage is prohibited.
- False or misleading claims or false or misleading advertising of accreditation is prohibited.
- Discrimination by municipality or county prohibited.
- Unaccredited recovery houses are ineligible for state money.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

[HB 400](#)-Klick-Amends Texas Education Code 58A to establish grant programs for training in psychiatric specialty fields and behavioral health.

- Directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to establish a Psychiatric Specialty Residency Grant Program to increase the number of psychiatric physicians.
- Directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to apply for federal funds, gifts, grants and donations from other sources for the program.
- Directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to adopt rules, eligibility criteria, grant application procedures, guidelines, evaluation, monitoring and effectiveness tracking of grants.
- Directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to award grants:
  - 60% awarded in pediatric psychiatry,
  - 40% in adult psychiatry.
  - Priority to medical schools with innovative residency programs in rural or underserved areas.
- Grant amounts may not exceed \$1 million.
- Administrative costs may not exceed five percent.
- Directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to give priority to proposals that:
  - Enhance or leverage existing degree programs.
  - Establish or maintain programs serving rural or underserved areas.
  - Partner with another institution of higher education.
  - Partner with a public school to implement early recruitment.
  - Establish incentives for professionals to serve at least three consecutive years.
  - Establish or maintain programs in specialties with significant workforce shortages.
  - Establish or maintain psychiatric fellowships that serve correctional facilities or inpatient psychiatric facilities.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

[HB 671](#)-Gonzalez-Amends Texas Government Code 434.

Directs the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to conduct a suicide prevention campaign to provide information to veterans.

- Directs TVC to establish an internet website dedicated to suicide prevention for veterans.
- Directs TVC to collaborate with community-based, nonprofit, or private organizations.
- Allows TVC to solicit and accept gifts and grants for the suicide prevention campaign.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/24.

[HB 1211](#)-Guillen-Amends Texas Education Code 831 and 1101 regarding financial assistance.

- Amends Texas Education Code 831. Current law requires private and independent institutions of higher education to enter into an agreement with the Texas Joint Admission Medical Program Council to provide academic counseling, sufficient preparation for enrollment in participating medical schools, and a faculty advisor.
  - HB 1211 adds a provision that in addition to any other scholarship awarded to the student, a scholarship in the amount required for a student attending a general academic teaching institution not to exceed the amount of tuition and fees that the student is charged.
- Amends Texas Education Code 61-Subchapter K-Repayment of Certain Mental Health Professional Educational Loans.
- Adds a definition for a licensed specialist in school psychology.
- Adds licensed specialist in school psychology to the list of mental health professionals eligible for educational loan repayment assistance.
- Adds procedures for mental health professionals to follow to apply to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for loan repayment assistance.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[HB 1337](#)-Hull-Amends Insurance Code 1369 Subchapter B to prohibit health benefit plans from imposing step therapy protocols for prescription drugs to treat serious mental illnesses.

- Adds Section 1369.0547-Step Therapy Protocols for Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness.
- Only applies to drugs prescribed for a person who is 18 years of age or older to treat serious mental illness.
- Prohibits a health benefit plans from requiring an enrollee to:
  - Fail to successfully respond to more than one different drug for each drug prescribed, excluding generics.
  - Prove a history of failure of more than one drug different from the one prescribed, excluding generics.
- Subject to Step Therapy Protocol Exception Requests in Insurance Code 1369.0546, a health benefit plan may require a trial of a generic or pharmaceutical equivalent only once in a plan year and if the generic or pharmaceutical equivalent drug is added to the plan's drug formulary.

Current Status Sent to Governor 5/26.

[HB 1357](#)-Holland-Repeals Texas Human Resources Code 32.03115(e).

- Fully implements HHSC's opioid treatment pilot program by removing the sunset date from the original statute.
- Directs state agencies to apply for necessary federal waivers or authorizations for implementation of provisions related to medication-assisted treatments (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) or substance use disorder (SUD).

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[HB 1457](#)-Rosenthal-Amends Texas Government Code 434.352 and Texas Health and Safety Code 1001.

- Requires that any entity that receives a grant from the state of Texas for the provision of mental health services to veterans or veterans' families must:
  - Have successfully executed a previous grant from the state agency or
  - Provide training on military informed care or military cultural competency to agency employees who provide services to veterans or their families.

## HB 1457-Rosenthal-continued

- Military competency training must be provided by
  - Texas Veterans Commission
  - HHSC
  - Military Veteran Peer Network
  - SAMHSA
  - US Department of Defense
  - US Department of Veterans Affairs
  - A nonprofit with experience providing training or technical assistance related to providing mental health services to veterans or veterans' families.
  - TVC and DSHS shall jointly verify compliance.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/24.

## HB 2059-Price-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 1001-Mental Health First Aid Training

- Adds definitions for “child-care facility”, first responder”, “institution of higher education”, “Local Behavioral Health Authority”, and “open-enrollment charter school” and “private school”. Deletes definition of “university employee”.
- Authorizes HHSC to provide grants to LBHA/LMHAs to cover training costs for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)Trainers.
- Two or more LBHA/LMHAs may collaborate and share resources.
- Directs HHSC to make grants to LBHA/LMHAs to provide MHFA training at no cost to:
  - School district employees, contractors and school resource officers.
  - Employees or contractors of institutions of higher learning.
  - Employees or contractors of open enrollment charter schools or private schools.
  - Employees and contractors of a child-care facility.
  - Youth.
  - Individuals with direct and recurring contact with students.
  - First responders.
  - Military service members, veterans or their immediate family members.
  - Judges and attorneys.
- An MHFA training program provided by an LBHA/LMHA must:
  - Be conducted by a trained person.
  - Provide skills to help a person in crisis until appropriate professional care can be obtained.
    - Assessing Risk
    - Listening respectfully
    - Supporting the individual
    - Identifying professional help
    - Other supports
  - Provide information on risk factors and warning signs for mental illness and substance use problems.
  - Include activities to increase understanding of the effect of mental illness on individuals and families.
  - Present evidence-supported treatment and self-help strategies.
- Allows LBHA/LMHA to contract with Regional Education Service Center to provide MHFA to employees of school districts, charter schools, private schools and institutions of higher learning.

#### HB 2059-Price-continued

- Requires LBHA/LMHA to submit a plan to HHSC by July 1 of even numbered years demonstrating how grant funds will be used.
- Requires LBHA/LMHA to submit an annual report by September 30 including:
  - LBHA/LMHA employees and contractors who were trained.
    - The number of trainers who left for any reason in the preceding year.
    - The number of active trainers.
  - Number of employees and contractors trained at school districts, charter schools, private schools and institutions of higher learning.
    - The LBHA/LMHA
    - The applicable school district, charter school, private school, and institution of higher education.
    - Category of personnel trained.
  - Number of child care facility employees and contractors, youth, individuals with recurring contact with students, first responders, judges, attorneys.
  - Number of members of the military services, veterans or military/veteran families who completed a MHFA standard version or veterans module offered by the LBHA/LMHA, categorized by LBHA/LMHA region.
  - Detailed accounting of expenditures.
- HHSC shall develop a form to be used for reporting by the LBHA/LMHA.
- Provides civil liability for a person who having completed an MHFA class offered by an LBHA/LMHA, acts in good faith attempting to assist a person in mental health crisis, unless the action is wilfully or wantonly negligent.

Current Status: Signed by Governor 6/2.

#### **HB 2100**-Price-Amends Texas Education Code 61.603.

Provides student loan repayment assistance for mental health professionals who provide mental health services individuals in a state hospital or community-based mental health services from a local mental health authority for a period of one to five years. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

**HB 2201**-Canales-Amends Texas Government Code 507.006(a) related to housing inmates with substance use disorders in state jail felony facilities. Bill as proposed would delete the phrase “~~...or discrete areas within one or more state jail facilities...~~” from the description of facilities that the state jail division may designate as state jail felony facilities to treat inmates who are eligible for confinement in a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) facility. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

#### **HB 3144**-Lujan-Amends Texas Government Code 662, Subchapter D.

Designates October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

#### **HB 3186**-Leach-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45-Justice and Municipal Courts.

- Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedures to add Subchapter E-Youth Diversion.
- Provides definitions by adding Texas Code of Criminal Procedures 45.301.
- Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.302-Establishes youth diversion programs for children in municipal and justice courts who are charged with offenses punished by a fine only, other than a traffic offense.



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- Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.303 to establish that nothing in the newly enacted Subchapter E precludes a case involving a child from being referred, adjudicated or disposed of as conduct indicating a need for supervision under Texas Family Code-Title 3-Juvenile Justice Code, or a waiver of criminal jurisdiction and transfer of a child's case under Texas Family Code 51.08-Transfer from Criminal Court.
- Adds Diversion Eligibility in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.304.
  - A child is ineligible for diversion:
    - » More than once a year.
    - » If the child has had a previous unsuccessful diversion attempt
    - » If the attorney representing the state objects.
    - » If the child's parents do not give written consent.
- Adds Diversion Strategies in Texas Code of Criminal Procedures 45.305 including:
  - Teen court, school-related program, educational, alcohol awareness, tobacco awareness, drug education, rehabilitation, self-improvement programs.
  - May be referred to services including those for at-risk youth, case management, work and job skills training, academic monitoring and tutoring, community-based services, mental health, mentoring.
  - May require mediation, SUD testing, substantially comply with treatment recommended by a physician or mental health professional, payment of restitution not over \$100, perform community service or other reasonable actions determined by the court.
  - Allows diversion strategies to be imposed under:
    - » Texas Code of Criminal Procedures 45.309-Intermediate Diversion for up to 180 days.
    - » Texas Code of Criminal Procedures 45.310-Diversion by Justice or Judge for up to 180 days.
    - » Texas Education Code 37.144-Graduated Sanctions for Certain School Offenses.
  - May not require a home-schooled child to attend a school and may not select curriculum.
- Youth Diversion Plan-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.306
  - Each justice and municipal court shall adopt a youth diversion plan.
  - May be for a county, municipality, or for an individual court with a county or municipality.
  - Local governments may enter into agreements to create a regional youth diversion plan.
  - May include an agreement with a provider of services.
  - May include non-mandatory guidelines for disposition of or diversion of cases by law enforcement.
  - Must be maintained and filed for public inspection.
  - A court or local government may adopt rules to coordinate services or implement the youth diversion program.
- Youth Diversion Coordinator-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.307
  - A court may designate a youth diversion coordinator to determine eligibility, employ authorized strategies, presenting and maintaining agreements, monitor diversions, maintain records of successful or unsuccessful completions, coordinate referrals.
  - Responsibilities of Youth Diversion Coordinator may be performed by a court administrator, court clerk, a person who regularly performs such duties, a person who provides juvenile case management services, a community supervision and corrections officer, a juvenile probation officer, a county or municipal employee, a peace officer, a community volunteer, an institution of higher education or a nonprofit organization that the court determines to be qualified.



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- Diversion Agreements-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.308
  - Requires diversion agreements specifying the responsibilities of the child and the child's parents, and the consequences of compliance or non-compliance.
  - Objectives must be measurable, realistic, reasonable, consider the circumstances and best interests of the child and the long-term safety of the community.
  - Agreements must:
    - » Be clear and concise, identify the offense/charge diverted, one or more diversions required to be completed by the child, possible outcomes or consequences of either successful or unsuccessful diversion.
    - » Participation does not require a admission of guilt or a guilty plea
    - » Intermediate Diversion allows a case to be diverted for up to 180 days and the case to be dismissed upon successful completion or referred to court if unsuccessful.
    - » Specifies procedures for diversion by a justice or a judge.
    - » Specifies procedures for referral to a court.
    - » Specifies a \$50 administrative fee to be collected from the child's parents.
    - » Requires court to maintain statistics and records.
    - » All records of diversion shall be expunged at the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
    - » Process for reviewing and monitoring compliance.
    - » The period of diversion.
    - » Consent by the child and the child's parent.
- Intermediate Diversion-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.309
  - Child and child's parent must be advised that the case may diverted for not more than 180 days if:
    - » The child is eligible.
    - » Diversion is in the best interests of the child and promotes long-term community safety.
    - » Child and parents know diversion is optional and consent to diversion.
    - » If child or parent terminates diversion at any time, the case will be referred to court.
  - Terms of diversion agreement must be in writing
  - If the child successfully complies with the diversion agreement, the case will be closed and reported as successful to the court.
  - If the child does not comply, the case shall be referred to the court under newly enacted 45.311.
- Diversion by Justice or Judge-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.310 to provide procedures for a child who is eligible for diversion:
  - If child does not contest the charge, a justice or judge shall divert the case.
  - If the child contests the charge, and the court/jury finds that the evidence supports a finding of guilt, a judge shall provide an opportunity for diversion to the child and the child's parents. (45.041)
    - » If the offer is accepted, the court shall place the child in diversion.
    - » If the offer is declined, the court shall find the child guilty and proceed to sentencing.
  - Diversion may not exceed 180 days.
  - Diversion agreement must be in writing and include diversion strategies.
  - Successful completion shall be reported to court and case closed.
  - Noncompliance with terms will result in case being referred to court.

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- Referral to Court-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.311
  - Requires a non-adversarial hearing for a child who does not successfully complete diversion.
  - Court confers with child and parents to determine if diversion should be determined unsuccessful.
  - Court may also confer with any person who may be of assistance to the child or court in determining the best interest of the child and long-term community safety.
  - The court may:
    - » Amend or extend the diversion the diversion agreement for up to one year.
    - » Issue a continuance for up to 60 days to allow another opportunity for compliance.
    - » May require child’s parent to act or refrain from acting in a way that will increase the child’s likelihood of successful completion. This is enforceable by a charge of contempt of court.
    - » May find diversion successful on basis of substantial compliance.
    - » Find the diversion unsuccessful and transfer the child to Juvenile Court, or refer the charge to the prosecutor to consider re-filing charges.
    - » A court may not interfere with a parent’s fundamental right to raise their child, unless the court finds that interference is necessary to prevent significant impairment of the child’s physical, mental or emotional health.
- Local Youth Diversion Administrative Fee-Adds Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 45.312.
  - Allows a \$50 administrative fee, which may be waived in cases of indigency or financial hardship.
  - No other fees may be assessed.
  - Diversion of the child may not be contingent upon payment of the fee, but parent who is able to pay could be held in contempt of court for non-payment.
- Amends the following Texas Codes of Criminal Procedure to include the youth diversion justice and municipal courts:
  - 45.0215(a) Plea by Minor and Appearance of Parent.
  - 45.041-Judgement.
  - 45.049-Community Service in Satisfaction of Fine or Costs.
  - 45.056-Juvenile Case Managers.
  - 45.102-Offenses Committed in Another County.
- Amends other Texas Codes:
  - Texas Family Code 264.302-Early Youth Intervention Services.
  - Texas Government Code 22.1105-Judicial Instruction Related to Certain Alleged Child Offenders.
  - Local Government Code 133-Consolidated Fees on Conviction.
  - Local Government Code 134-Criminal Fees Payable to Local Government.
  - Amends Texas Local Government Code 134.156-Local Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund. Allows a county or municipality that does not have a juvenile case manager to direct funds to be used to support the “LMHA/LBHA, juvenile alcohol and substance abuse programs, educational and leadership programs, teen court programs, and any other project designed to prevent or reduce the number of juvenile referrals to the court”.
- Requires each justice and municipal court to implement a youth diversion plan by January 1, 2025.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/24.

[HB 3286](#)-Klick-Regarding prescription drug benefits under Medicaid and CHIP.

Section 1-Amends Texas Government Code 531-Health and Human Services Commission

- Adds 531.0691-Vendor Drug Program Inclusion
  - Directs HHSC to ensure that the vendor drug includes all drugs and national drug codes on the federal Medicaid Drug Rebate Program if a certificate of information to request the drugs inclusion has been submitted to and approved by HHSC or is pending review.
  - If HHSC determines the drug is appropriate for dispensing through an outpatient pharmacy, HHSC shall make the drug provisionally make the drug available under the vendor drug program for
    - » 90 days after the form was submitted or
    - » The date HHSC approves or denies the drug's inclusion.

Directs HHSC to note the provisional availability of the drug and remove the drug from the program on the expiration of the 90-day period or on the date HHSC denies its inclusion on the formulary.

Section 2-Amends Texas Government Code 533-Medicaid Managed Care Program.

- Adds Subchapter C-Prescription Drug Benefits under Certain Outpatient Pharmacy Benefit Plans.
- Adds Preferred Drug List Exceptions-533.071.
- Directs HHSC to adopt rules allowing exceptions to the preferred drug list if the drug:
  - Is contraindicated.
  - Will likely cause an adverse reaction, or physical/mental harm to the person.
  - Is expected to be ineffective.
- Directs HHSC to adopt rules allowing exceptions to the preferred drug list if the recipient:
  - Previously discontinued the drug because it was not effective, had diminished effect or resulted in an adverse event.
  - Was prescribed and is taking a nonpreferred antidepressant or antipsychotic drug and the recipient:
    - » Was prescribed the drug before being discharged from an outpatient facility,
    - » Is stable on the nonpreferred drug and
    - » Is at risk of experiencing complications from switching from the nonpreferred drug to another drug or
    - » The preferred drug is not available for reasons outside the Medicaid Managed Care Organization's (MCO's) control, including:
      - The drug is in short supply according to the FDA Drug Shortages Database or
      - The drug's manufacturer has placed the drug on backorder or allocation.
- Exceptions does not subject the MCO to liquidated damages for failing to comply with the preferred drug list.

Section 3-Amends Texas Government 531.072-HHSC-Preferred Drug Lists.

- Notwithstanding the requirement in 531.072 (b) that the preferred drug lists may contain only drugs provided by a manufacturer or labeler that reaches an agreement with HHSC on supplemental rebates, The preferred drug lists must contain all therapeutic equivalents for a generic drug on the preferred list.
- Directs HHSC to:
  - Develop an expedited review process to consider MCO and provider requests to add drugs to the preferred drug list.
  - Directs HHSC to grant temporary non-preferred status to new drugs that are available but have not yet been reviewed by the drug utilization review board.
  - Establish criteria for authorizing drugs with temporary non-preferred status.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[HB 3462](#)-Noble-Amends Texas Government Code 351.991- Consolidates ombudsman programs administered by HHSC.

- Moves ombudsman programs from jurisdiction of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to HHSC.
- Directs HHSC to establish ombudsman programs for individuals in or needing:
  - Children and youth in foster care.
  - Managed care.
  - Access to behavioral health care
  - Care for intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- Directs HHSC Executive Commissioner to appoint an ombudsman for each above program.
- Sets Conflict of Interest criteria.
- Sets duties of ombudsman.
- Develop and implement statewide procedures to
  - Receive and review complaints.
  - Conduct investigations.
  - Refer to HHSC or appropriate department any trends or systemic problems identified.
  - Provide necessary assistance.
  - Maintain confidentiality of communication and records.
  - Inform complainant of results of investigation.
  - Develop and implement annual outreach to promote awareness
  - File a report with HHSC or department of final determination of complaints and recommended action.
- Adds 531.9933-Ombudsman for Behavioral Health Access to Care
  - Directs HHSC to establish an ombudsman program to provide support and information services to a consumer enrolled in or applying for a behavioral health program.
- Adds 531.9934-Ombudsman for Individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability.
  - Directs HHSC to establish an ombudsman program to assist a client or a person acting on behalf of an individual with IDD, or a group of individuals with IDD with a complaint or grievance regarding the infringement of the rights of an individual with an IDD or the delivery of IDD service.
- If the ombudsman discovers unreported complaints in the investigation of the original complaint, the ombudsman shall open a new investigation for each unreported complaint.
- Retaliation against good-faith complainants is prohibited.
- Ombudsman required to file an annual report including systemic problems identified in the investigation of individual complaints. Report goes to Governor, Lieutenant Governor, each standing committee of the Texas Legislature with jurisdiction over HHSC, each member of the Legislature and the executive commissioner of HHSC.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

**HB 3466**-Campos-Regarding Community Collaboratives.

**Section 2**-Amends Texas Government Code 539.002(a) and (b).

- Directs DSHS to give special consideration to
  - Establishing new collaboratives
  - Collaboratives serving two or more rural counties, each with populations less than 100,000.
  - Providing services to an average of at least 50% of persons experiencing homelessness in a geographic area served by a Continuum-of-Care program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) according to the last three HUD Point-in-Time surveys of homelessness.
- Grantees are expected to:
  - Leverage additional funding and in-kind contributions.
  - Provide evidence of significant collaboration with **LBHA/LMHAs**, municipalities local law enforcement, and other stakeholders
  - Provide evidence of local law enforcement's jail diversion policies, or diversion from mental health facilities to an entity of the collaborative for the purpose of providing services.
- Requires a biennial report of:
  - The method DSHS used to award grants.
  - The amount of each grant awarded.
  - The number of individuals served by each community collaborative.
  - Results of outcome measures
- Report to be sent to Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives each standing committee of the Texas Legislature with jurisdiction over DSHS and state finance, and the LBB.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

**HB 3858**-Frazier-Amends Texas Government Code, Title 4, Subtitle B.

- Allows law enforcement agencies to establish and maintain a mental health wellness unit within the agency for peace officers to identify officers that respond to violent incidents that may result in loss of life, homicides, suicides, or fatal motor vehicle accidents.
- Minimum requirements:
  - An initial telephone call or other form of contact to monitor the mental and physical well-being of an officer who may have been affected by a violent incident.
  - Provide information regarding mental health resources, counseling and therapy services.
- Establishes the Peace Officer Wellness Fund and Grant Program Fund composed of:
  - Money appropriated by the Legislature to HHSC for this purpose.
  - Gifts, grants and contributions.
  - Earnings of the fund.
- HHSC may only use the funds for making grants for the Peace Officer Wellness Program.
- Peace Officer Wellness Grant Program.
  - Purpose is to assist law enforcement agencies in establishing and maintaining peace officer wellness programs.
  - HHSC shall establish:
    - » Grant eligibility criteria
    - » Application procedures
    - » Guidelines for amount of grant awards

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- » Application evaluation procedures
  - » Guidelines for use of grants including reimbursement of costs of counseling and therapy services
  - » Monitoring procedures
  - The wellness unit should maintain and provide a list of verified counselors, therapists, and support resources available to the officer.
  - Wellness unit should include any additional requirements as determined by HHSC.
  - Establishes a Peace Officer Mental Health Fund and Grant Program administered by HHSC.
  - HHSC shall prescribe program requirements by January 1, 2024.
- Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

#### **HB 4085**-Spiller-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 571.018 (h) and (j).

Current law prohibits the State of Texas or a county from paying costs of a patient committed to a private mental hospital unless no public facility is available and the county commissioners court authorizes the payment.

- In (h), HB 4085 provides an exception to the above prohibition to allow the State of Texas or a county to pay filing fees or other costs associated with mental health hearings.
- HB 4085 amends (j):
  - Requires a probate court judge to order the clerk of the court to refund court costs paid or advanced for a person by a state hospital, a private hospital, an LMHA/LBHA, or a general hospital with a psychiatric unit.
  - Requires an affidavit certifying that the facility:
    - Received no compensation or reimbursement for the treatment of the person,
    - Provided treatment under contract with an LBHA/LMHA or
    - Provided treatment and was only reimbursed under Medicaid.

Companion: [SB 295](#)-Perry. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/26.

**HB 4123**-Guiellen-Aligns Texas statutes with federal FBI criteria for use of criminal background checks. Amends Texas Government Code 411-Department of Public Safety related to the ability of state agencies to obtain criminal history information, and responsibilities for destruction of the information after the information is used for its authorized purposes, including Department of State Health Services, Health and Human Services Commission, **LBHA/LMHAs**, LIDDAs and Community Centers.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

**HB 4611**-Price-Amends various state codes to make non-substantive revisions of laws governing Health and Human Services Commission, Medicaid, LBHA/LMHAs and other social services, primarily by reorganizing and renumbering sections of current law.

- Adds twenty new chapters to the Texas Government Code.
  - 521-General Provisions
  - 522-Provisions Applicable to all Health and Human Services Agencies and Certain State Entities.
  - 523-HHSC
  - 524-Authority Over Health and Human Services System.
  - 525-General Powers and Duties of Commission and Executive Commissioner.
  - 526-Additional Powers and Duties of Commission and Executive Commissioner.



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- 532-Medicaid Administration and Operation in General.
- 540-Medicaid Managed Care Program.
- 540A Medicaid Managed Transportation Services.
- 542-System Redesign for Delivery of Medicaid Acute Care Services and Long-term Services and Supports to Individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability.
- 543-Clinical Initiatives to Improve Medicaid Quality of Care and Cost-Effectiveness.
- 543A-Quality-Based Outcomes and Payments Under Medicaid and Child Health Plan Program.
- 544-Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Overcharges Relating to Health and Human Services.
- 545-Certain Public Assistance Benefits.
- 546-Long-Term Care and Support Options for Individuals with Disabilities and Elderly Individuals.
- 547-Mental Health and Substance Use Services.
- 547A-Community Collaboratives.
- 548-Health Care Services Provided Through Tele-Connective Means.
- 549-Provision of Drugs and Drug Information.
- 550-Human Services and Other Social Services Provided Through Faith-and Community-Based Organizations.
- An individual who has a financial interest in a corporation, organization, or association under contract with an LBHA/LMHA may not be appointed as HHSC Executive Commissioner
- HHSC shall provide joint training for children’s caseworkers employed by DSHS, HHSC, LBHA/LMHA/LIDDAs.
- Lists Mental Health and Substance Use Services formerly in Texas Government Code 531 in proposed a new portion of the Texas Government Code Chapter 547 and proposed titles of sections.
  - Section 547.0005-Local Mental Health Authority Group Regional Strategies; Annual Report.
  - Section 547.0255-Local Mental Health Authority Involvement.
  - Section 547.0052-Texas System of Care Framework.
  - Section 574.0354-Community Collaborative Eligibility; Certain Grants Prohibited.
    - Requires that LBHA/LMHA must be part of the collaborative to request a grant.
  - Section 547.0404-Community Collaborative Eligibility.
    - Requires that LBHA/LMHA must be part of the collaborative to receive a grant.
  - Section 547.0001-Grants for Establishing and Expanding Community Collaboratives.
  - Section 574.0005 Plan Required for Certain Community Collaboratives.
- Re-words Texas Family Code 58.0051(a) (2) to refer to Texas Government Code 521.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/24.

## **HB 4696**-Noble-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 142

Related to investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- Section 4 amends Texas Health and Safety Code 142.009 (j). Changes onsite surveys of Home and Community Support Services from within 18 months of an initial license to within 36 months.
- Section 19 amends Human Resources Code 48.255-Rules for Investigations.
  - Directs HHSC to adopt rules with related to investigations:
    - » Primary criterion should be if there is a risk that a delay will impede collection of evidence.
    - » Provide an appeals process for the alleged victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

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- » Confirmed investigation finding by HHSC may not be changed by the facility administrator, a community center, a **LBHA/LMHA** or a LIDDA

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[HB 4758](#)-Theiry, Anderson, Slawson et al-Protecting Children from Electronic Cigarette Advertising Act. Prohibits e-cigarette manufacturers from marketing vaping products to attract youth. Offense is a Class B misdemeanor. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[HB 4888](#)-Hefner-Amends Texas Human Resources Code 32, Subchapter B. Authorizes Medicaid Coverage for non-opioid analgesic treatments. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

## SENATE BILLS SENT TO GOVERNOR

[SB 26](#)-Kolkhorst—Amends several Texas statutes related to LBHA/LMHA audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services and programs.

Section 1-Amends Texas Education Code 8.15-Adds definitions of HHSC Executive Commissioner, Local Mental Health Authority, and Non-physician mental health professional to Subchapter E-Mental Health and Substance Use Resources for School District Personnel.

Section 2-Amends Texas Education Code 8.152-Employment of Non-Physician Mental Health Professional As Mental Health and Substance Use Resource.

- Allows LBHA/LMHA to request a waiver to hire a licensed LMSW or a licensed LPC-Associate as the non-physician mental health professional at the Regional Education Service Center if the LBHA/LMHA is unable to employ a professional who qualifies.
- The person must carry out the functions and duties stipulated in Texas Education Code 8.155.

Section 3-Amends Texas Government Code 531 to add 531.09915-Innovation Matching Grant Program for Meant Health Early Intervention and Treatment.

- Defines “Inpatient mental health facility”, “Program”, and “State Hospital”.
- Establishes a matching grant program for mental health early intervention and treatment aimed at children and families to:
  - Improve relationship skills.
  - Improve self-esteem.
  - Reduce involvement in juvenile justice system.
  - Avoid relinquishment,
  - Avoid emergency room use.
  - Should include training, services, and supports for:
    - » Community-based initiatives.
    - » Agencies that provide services for children and families.



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- » Individuals who work with children showing atypical social or emotional development or challenging behaviors, or their caregivers.
- » Children at risk for placement in foster care.
- » Children at risk for placement in the juvenile justice system.
- Contract will be between HHSC and the grant recipient.
- HHSC shall establish application and eligibility rules and requirements.
  - Eligible entities are hospitals, private mental hospitals, hospital districts, LBHA/LMHAs, School districts, child care facilities, counties, municipalities, non-profit organizations ~~or any other entity HHSC deems appropriate.~~
  - HHSC shall give priority to entities that work with children and families at high risk of crisis or developing a mental health condition to reduce:
    - » Future need for intensive mental health services
    - » The number of children at risk of placement in foster care or the juvenile justice system
    - » Demand for beds in state hospitals, inpatient mental health facilities and residential behavioral health facilities.
  - A ten percent match is required.
  - Grants may only be used to develop innovative strategies to develop resilience, coping skills, social skills, healthy social and familial relationships and parenting skills and behaviors.
  - Grants may not be used for expenses that another source is obligated by law to pay or reimburse or supplant or substitute from another federal source.
  - Administrative costs may not exceed five percent.

Section 4-Amends Texas Government Code 531-HHSC

Adds 531.09991-Plan for the Transition of Care for Certain Individuals

- Directs HHSC to develop plan to reserve nursing home beds for individuals who require high levels of nursing care and behavioral health supports and services by January 1, 2025.
- Allows HHSC to implement the plan if HHSC determines that it will increase the amount of available general revenue for the state.

Section 5-Amends Texas Government Code 531.1025-Performance Audits and Coordination of Audit Activities

- Directs HHSC Office of Inspector to conduct:
  - Performance audits of **LBHA/LMHAs** at least once every five years.
  - Establish a financial audit schedule at least once every three years.
  - Conduct additional audits as necessary based on adverse findings in previous audits.

Section 6-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 534.0535-Joint Discharge Planning.

- Requires HHSC to adopt or amend, and DSHS to enforce rules to require continuity of services between DSHS facilities and **LBHA/LMHAs**.
- Rules must specify **LBHA/LMHA's** responsibility for ensuring the successful transition of patients determined to be medically appropriate for discharge.
- Require participation by a DSHS facility in joint discharge planning with the **LBHA/LMHA**.
- **LBHA/LMHA** shall arrange for provision of services upon discharge.

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- HHSC shall require at least one employee from each facility to provide transition support services for discharged patients.
- Transition support services by **LBHA/LMHA**.
  - Must complement joint discharge planning efforts.
  - May include enhanced services and supports necessary for viable discharge or outpatient management plans, and post-discharge monitoring for up to one year to reduce readmission.
- HHSC shall concentrate on transition support for patients who had multiple admissions and discharges from a facility multiple times during a 30-day period or in a facility more than 365 consecutive days.

Section 7-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 572-Voluntary Mental Health Services.

Adds 572.0026-Voluntary Admission Restrictions.

- Allows an inpatient mental health facility administrator or designee to only approve a person for voluntary admission if there is available space at the facility.

Section 8-Amends Texas Health and Safety Code 1001.084

- Updates language regarding the inclusion of LBHA/LMHAs and LIDDAs to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Public Reporting System.
- Requires DSHS to post measures monthly or as frequently as possible, deleting statutory language regarding quarterly or semiannual postings.
- Outcome measures that must be included:
  - Inpatient psychiatric care diversions.
  - Avoidance of emergency room use.
  - Criminal justice diversions.
  - Numbers of people who are homeless served.
  - Access to timely and adequate screening and rapid crisis stabilization services
  - Timely access to and appropriate treatment from community-based crisis residential services and hospitalization.
  - Improved function as a result of medication-related and psychosocial rehabilitation services.
  - Number of people referred to:
    - A state hospital.
    - A state-supported living center (SSLC).
    - Community-based hospital.
  - Length of time between referral and admission.
  - Length of stay.
  - Length of time between when the date the person is determined ready for discharge/transition and the actual date of discharge/transition.
  - Rate of denial of services or requests for assistance from jails or other entities.
    - Reason for the denials.
  - Quality of care in community-based services.
  - Quality of care in state facilities.
  - Average number of hours of service provided to individuals in a full level of care compared to the recommended number of hours of service.
  - Other relevant information to determine the quality of services provided.

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- LIDDA is only required to report on the above information as related to State Supported Living Centers.
- HHSC shall establish rules related to non-physician mental health professional by November 1, 2024.
- Repeals Texas Health and Safety Code 1001.084 (e).
- Authorizes HHSC to apply for any necessary federal waivers to implement this Act.

SB 26 was sent to the Governor on 5/29.

[SB 532](#)-West. Amends Texas Education Code regarding mental health services information to college students and student loan repayment assistance for mental health professionals.

- Amends Texas Education Code 51.9194-Required Information for Entering Students Regarding Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services.
  - Requires institutions of higher education to provide information regarding mental health to all entering students:
    - » Available mental health and suicide prevention services.
    - » Early warning signs that a person is considering suicide.
    - » Appropriate interventions.
    - » A campus map identifying locations of mental health services.
    - » Information regarding how to access services.
    - » Information must not be on paper only.
      - May also be provided in a live presentation, online program, or video.
      - On-campus orientation tours must identify at least one location for mental health services available to all students.
  - Applies to students entering public institutions of higher learning for the 2023 fall semester.
- Amends Texas Education Code-Subchapter K-Repayment of Certain Mental Health Professional Education Loans-Section 61.603-Eligibility.
  - Reduces the number of consecutive years of practice in a mental health professional shortage that a mental health professional must complete in order to be eligible for educational loan repayment assistance from five years to one, two, or three, thus reducing the time it takes to repay the loan.
  - Eligible applicants for loan repayment assistance must:
    - » Apply to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for educational loan repayment assistance.
    - » Provide mental health services through Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), in a Texas Juvenile Justice correctional facility or a Texas Department of Corrections facility.
      - Adds State Hospitals or LBHA/LMHAs to places of employment that qualify a mental health professional for educational loan repayment assistance.
- Amends Texas Education Code 61.604(a) Limitations.

Allows a mental health professional to receive loan repayment assistance for maximum of three years.
- Amends Texas Education Code 61.607(a)-Amount of Repayment Assistance.
  - Increases the maximum amount of assistance a professional may receive per year.
  - Current rate (in effect until September 1, 2023) started at 10% for Year 1 with an increase of 5 % each year, graduating to 30% for Year 5.
  - SB 532 sets assistance at a maximum of 33.33 % of the loan each year. This shortens the number of years of service required from five to three and provides larger and equal amounts of loan forgiveness each year.
- Education loan repayment assistance for mental health professionals applies to applications submitted on or after September 1, 2023. Applications submitted before September 1, 2023 are governed by the law in effect at that time.

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- Amends Texas Education Code 61.608, .9832, .9833, .9838 and .9839 apply to public school math and science teachers.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/29.

[SB 629](#)-Menéndez.-Amends Texas Education Code 38-Safe Schools.

Adds Subchapter E-1-Maintenance, Administration and Disposal of Opioid Antagonists.

- Adds definitions for “Opioid antagonist”, “Opioid-related drug overdose and “Physician.
- Requires each school district to adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, administration and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus serving grades 6-12.
- School districts may adopt and implement the same policies at campuses serving below sixth grade.
- Allows open enrollment charter schools and private schools to adopt the same policies.
- School district or school policies must:
  - Allow authorized and trained school personnel and volunteers to administer opioid antagonists.
  - One or more authorized and trained persons on campus during school hours.
  - Set the number of opioid antagonists that must be available on each campus.
  - Opioid antagonists must be stored in a secure location easily accessible to those authorized to administer it.
- Directs HHSC and TEA to develop rules regarding maintenance, administration and disposal, including regular inventory checks, expiration and replacement.
- Requires school to report administration of an opioid antagonist within 10 business days to the school district or charter holder, the physician who prescribed to opioid antagonist and DSHS, to include:
  - Age of the person
  - Student/School Personnel/School Volunteer/Visitor.
  - Where the opioid antagonist was administered.
  - Number of doses.
  - Title of person who administered the dose(s).
- Schools would be responsible for training school personnel and volunteers, to include:
  - Recognizing signs and symptoms of opioid overdose.
  - How to administer an opioid antagonist.
  - How to implement other emergency procedures.
  - Proper disposal of used or expired opioid antagonists.
  - Training may be in-person or online.
  - Training must be in accordance with Texas Education Agency’s Professional Development Policy.
- A physician or person who has been legally delegated prescriptive authority shall write a standing order for the school to administer opioid antagonists to anyone reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.
  - Standing order does not have to be patient-specific.
  - Supervision or delegation is adequate if physician periodically reviews the order and is available through direct telecommunication for consultation, assistance and direction
  - Order must contain name and signature of physician, name of school, quantity of opioid antagonists and date of issue.
  - Allows a pharmacist to fill the standing order prescription.
- Allows gifts, grants and donations, federal and local funds to implement Subchapter E-1.
- Provides immunity from civil or criminal liability or disciplinary measures for good-faith action or failure to act.

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- Amends Texas Government Code 403.505 (d) to allow funds from the Texas Opioid Abatement Account to be used for this purpose.
  - Amends advisory committee membership requirements to include physicians with expertise in opioid-related drug overdoses or treating drug use overdoses in addition to anaphylaxis, pediatrics, allergies, asthma and immunology.
  - Advisory committee makes recommendations to DSHS on storage and maintenance, and training.
  - Would require one or more trained school personnel or volunteers on campus whenever open.
  - Allows each school district, charter, or private school to adopt and implement policies regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal.
  - Allows each school district, charter, or private school to authorized trained personnel to administer an opioid antagonist to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
  - Directs HHSC to adopt rules regarding maintenance, administration and disposal including inventory, the amount of training required, regular inventory checks, monitoring of expiration dates and replacement of supplies.
  - Supplies of opioid antagonists on campus must be stored securely and easily accessible to school personnel and volunteers.
  - Schools required to report administration of opioid antagonist within ten business days.
  - A physician or person who has been legally delegated prescriptive authority shall write a standing order for the school to administer opioid antagonists to anyone reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.
  - Allows pharmacists to dispense opioid antagonists to school districts.
  - Provides immunity from civil or criminal liability or disciplinary action for a person who, in good faith, takes or fails to take any action related to administration of an opioid antagonist under this law, including issuing an order, supervising, or delegating administration, possessing, maintaining, storing, or disposing, prescribing, dispensing, assisting in administering, or providing training.
- Current Status: Passed both House and Senate unanimously. Sent to Governor 5/29.

[SB 728](#)-Huffman. Aligns mental health and IDD reports for firearm background checks with federal law.

Amends Texas Government Code 411-Texas Department of Public Safety

- Amends Texas Government Code 411.052-Federal Firearm Reporting
  - Adds to the definition of “federal prohibited person information”:
    - » A person who is at least 16 years of age and has been court-ordered to receive mental health care.
    - » A person acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity or lack of mental responsibility.
    - » A person determined to have an IDD and committed by a court for long-term placement in a residential care facility.
    - » A person determined to be incompetent to stand trial.
    - » A child at least 16 years of age and found to be unfit to proceed, not responsible for the child’s conduct, court-ordered to receive inpatient or residential care in juvenile court as a result of intellectual disability.
    - » An incapacitated adult for whom the court has appointed a guardian due to the lack of mental capacity.
- Amends Texas Government Code 411.0521-Report to Department Concerning Certain Persons’ Access to Firearms.
  - Requires the clerk of the court to prepare and forward information to DPS no later than 30 days after the court takes the following actions for anyone who is 16 years of age or older:

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- » Orders the person to receive inpatient mental health services.
  - » Acquits a person in a criminal case by reason of insanity and orders the person to inpatient treatment or residential care.
  - » Commits a person with an IDD to long term placement,
  - » Determines a person is incompetent to stand trial.
  - » Finds a child who is at least 16 years of age to be unfit to proceed, not responsible for child's conduct, ordered to receive inpatient mental health services, ordered to receive residential care.
  - » Appoints a guardian for an incapacitated adult due to lack of mental capacity,
  - Requires the clerk of the court, at the request of DPS, to forward the signed court order containing the federal prohibited person information to DPS for use with the FBI and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
    - If any information is incomplete, requires DPS to notify the clerk of the court.
    - Requires the clerk of the court to forward any additional information or records to DPS.
- Current Status: Signed by Governor 6/2. Effective September 1, 2023.

## **SB 1585**-Sparks, Perry. .Revises various Texas statutes related to juvenile court proceedings for children with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

- Amends Texas Family Code 51.20 (a), (b), (c), and (d) to revise language related to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Amends Texas Family Code 55, Subchapter A to revise definitions regarding children with an intellectual disability or mental illness, interdisciplinary teams, least restrictive appropriate setting, mental illness, restoration classes, subaverage general intellectual functioning. Includes outpatient mental health services under Standards of Care.
- Adds Texas Family Code 55.04-Forensic Mental Examination and
- Adds Texas Family Code 55.05-Criteria for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services for a Child.
- Changes the title of Texas Family Code 55, Subchapter B to Court-Ordered Mental Health Services for Child with Mental Illness.
  - Adds provisions for court-ordered:
    - » Temporary inpatient mental health services for a child.
    - » Temporary outpatient mental health services for a child.
    - » Extended inpatient mental health services for a child.
    - » Extended outpatient mental health services for a child.
- Amends language related to children with mental illness in Family Code 55 related to:
  - 55.12-Initiation of Proceedings for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services.
  - 55.15-Standards of Care-Expiration of Court Order for Mental Health Services.
  - 55.16-Order for Mental Health Services; Stay of Proceedings
  - 55.17-Mental Health Services Not Ordered; Dissolution of Stay.
  - 55.18-Discharge from Court-Ordered Inpatient or Outpatient Mental Health Services.
  - 55.19-Discretionary Transfer to Criminal Court on 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
    - » Requires that treatment ordered must focus on stabilization of the child's mental illness and meeting psychiatric needs in the least restrictive appropriate setting.
  - 55.31-Unfitness to Proceed Determination; Examination.
    - » Lists factors to consider in examination.
  - 55.33-Proceedings Following Findings of Unfitness to Proceed.
    - » Includes provisions for a stay of juvenile court proceedings and discretionary transfer to criminal court on the juvenile's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Requires the court to consult with the Local Mental Health



Authority (LBHA/LMHA) and the Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority (LIDDA) to determine appropriate treatment, services, and restoration classes for the individual and file a report with the court.

- 55.35-Information Required to be Sent to Facility or Alternative Setting.
- 55.37-Report that Child is Unfit to Proceed as a Result of Mental Illness: Initiation of Proceedings for Court-Ordered Mental Health Services.
- 55.43-Restoration Hearing
- 55.44-Discretionary Transfer to Criminal Court on 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Child.
- 55.45-Standards of Care; Notice of Release or Furlough.
- 55.51-Lack of Responsibility for Conduct as a Result of Mental Illness or Intellectual Disability.
- 55.52-Proceedings Following Finding of Lack of Responsibility for Conduct.
  - » Requires the court to consult with the **LBHA/LMHA and LIDDA** to determine most appropriate treatment or services for the child.
- 55.54-Information Required to be sent to a Facility or Alternate Setting.
- 55.55-Report that Child Does Not Have Mental Illness or Intellectual Disability; Hearing on Objection.
- 55.56-Report that Child Has Mental Illness.
- 55.59-Report that Child Has Intellectual Disability; Initiation of Proceedings for Court-Ordered Residential Intellectual Disability Services.
- Transfers Texas Family Codes 55.13-Commitment Proceedings in Juvenile Court and Texas Family Code 55.14-Referral for Commitment Proceedings to Subchapter E and redesignated as 55.65 and 55.68, respectively.
  - Directs LBHA/LMHA to file recommendations for the child's treatment before the hearing.
  - Requires HHSC to identify a facility for inpatient mental health services for the child.
- Transfers 55.38 and 55.41 to Subchapter E and redesignates them as ff.66 and 55.67, respectively.
- Changes in this statute apply only to juvenile court hearings or proceedings that begin on or after September 1, 2023.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/29.

**SB 1624**-Zaffirini-Amends Texas Estates Codes related to guardianship.

- Amends Texas Estates Code 1163.101 annual reports required in guardianships.
  - Guardian's sworn affidavit shall include documentation including:
    - Supports and services that the ward has received or is currently receiving.
    - Actions the guardian is taking to develop self-reliance and independence.
    - Whether the ward receives services from the LBHA/LMHA or LIDDA.
- Amends Texas Estates Code 1201.152 -Evidence of Capacity with or Without Supports and Services.
  - Requires a written letter or certificate signed by a Texas-licensed physician or psychologist.
  - Requires a statement from a representative of the LBHA/LMHA or LIDDA listing services received by the ward and the effectiveness of those services.
  - Requires Affidavits of treating professionals regarding effectiveness of supports and services the ward is receiving.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/29.

[SB 1677](#)-Perry. Amends Texas Government Code 531 Subchapter B.

Directs HHSC, in cooperation with LBHA/LMHAs primarily located in rural areas of Texas, to contract with nonprofit organizations to establish or expand behavioral health centers or jail diversion centers to provide additional:

- Forensic hospital beds and competency restoration services.
- Inpatient and outpatient mental health services to adults and children.
- Reduction of recidivism and the frequency of arrest, incarceration, and emergency detentions of persons with mental illness.

Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/30.

[SB 2119](#)-Schwertner-Amends Texas Government Code 490I. Requires mapping of areas supported by broadband development program and a plan of the universal service fund.

Current Status: Passed Senate. Passed House 5/19. Sent to Governor 5/23

[SB 2479](#)-Zaffirini. Companion: [HB 5088](#)-Moody-Amends Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 14.-Arrest Without Warrant. Establishes procedures for deferral of arrest for nonviolent offenders receiving emergency mental health services. Current Status: Sent to Governor 5/29.







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Bill #	Sponsor	Subject	Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	To Other Chamber	Opposite Committee	Hearing	Calendar	H/S Vote	Conf. Comm.?	To Gov
<a href="#">HB 1</a>	Bonnen	State Budget	Appropriations	3/23	3/30			Finance		Intent	CS Passed	4/21	
<a href="#">SB 1</a>	Huffman	State Budget	Finance	3/27	Intent								
<a href="#">HB 6</a>	Goldman	Fentanyl on	Criminal Jurisprudence					Criminal Justice				H concurs	
<a href="#">SB 645</a>	Huffman	death certificates	Criminal Justice					Criminal Jurisprudence					
<a href="#">HB 98</a>	Moody	ISD-LBHA/LMHA contracts	Select-Youth Health and Safety	3/23	4/25		→S 4/26	Education					
<a href="#">SB 113</a>	Menéndez	for MH services at schools	Education	3/15									
<a href="#">HB 112</a>	Howard	Health workplace violence	Public Health	3/16	3/29								
<a href="#">SB 240</a>	Campbell		Health and Human Services			Passed	→H	Public Health 4/3	+ 4/14		Passed w/am		Signed 5/15
<a href="#">HB 166</a>	M. Gonzalez	Educational Representative for	Public Education			Passed 4/13	→S	Education					
<a href="#">SB 1221</a>	Zaffirini	students with disabilities	Education										
<a href="#">HB 186</a>	Julie Johnson	Court-ordered MH services	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	3/15	5/11	GSC							
<a href="#">SB 1587</a>	Nathan Johnson		Criminal Justice	3/16									
<a href="#">HB 233</a>	Murr	Continuing education requirement	Public Health	3/13	4/13	Passed 5/6	→S	Health and Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 831</a>	Flores, Blanco		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 362</a>	Oliverson	Legalize fentanyl test strips	Public Health	4/5	4/10	Passed	→S	Criminal Justice 4/12					
11 Companions			Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 446</a>	Craddick	Update language re:	Human Services			Passed 3/29	→S	Health and Human Services	4/19 p	L&U 4/27	Passed 4/3	Signed in House	Signed 5/15
<a href="#">SB 332</a>	Kolkhorst	IDD	Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 530</a>	Wu	Update language re:	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+ 3/29	5/8								
<a href="#">SB 362</a>	Zaffirini	IDD	Health and Human Services										

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<a href="#">HB 671</a>	M. Gonzalez	Texas Veterans Commission	Defense and Veterans Affairs	+4/13	GSC 5/2	Passed 5/4	→S 5/8	Veterans Affairs			Passed w/am		
<a href="#">SB 581</a>	Eckhardt	suicide prevention campaign	Veteran Affairs										
<a href="#">HB 811</a>	Meza	Disclosure of pregnant patient's drug use	Juvenile Justice and Family Issues	4/12 p									
<a href="#">SB 673</a>	Zaffirini		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 826</a>	Lambert	Prescription drug benefits	Insurance	4/25									
<a href="#">SB 1221</a>	Zaffirini		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 906</a>	Moody	Information to college students Re: mental health resources	Higher Education	+4/17	GSC 4/26	Passed	→S	Higher Education					
<a href="#">SB 633</a>	Menéndez		Subcommittee on Higher Education										
<a href="#">HB 1042</a>	Hinojosa	Electronic communication re: Mental illness warrants	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+4/17	GSC 5/11								
<a href="#">SB 64</a>	Zaffirini		Health and Human Services	+4/21									
<a href="#">HB 1149</a>	Swanson	Parental consent for ISD Psych Services	Public Education	+4/21									
<a href="#">SB 595</a>	Kolkhorst		Education	4/19	+4/27	Passed	→S	Public Education	+	GSC 5/23			
<a href="#">HB 1157</a>	Lozano	Mental Health appointments temporary excused absences	Select Youth Health and Safety	3/23	L&C	Passed	→S	Education					
<a href="#">SB 1101</a>	Paxton		Education										
<a href="#">HB 1167</a>	Romero	Recognition of out-of-state licenses LMFT, LPC, LSW	Human Services	3/28	L&C	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services			L&U		
<a href="#">SB 47</a>	Zaffirini		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 1219</a>	Reynolds	Boarding home employees criminal background checks	Human Services	+4/25	L&C								5
<a href="#">SB 188</a>	Miles		Health and Human Services	3/5	L&U	Passed	→H	Human Services	+	LCR 5/9			5/11
<a href="#">HB 1220</a>	Reynolds	Failure to report abuse of a Group home resident	Human Services										
<a href="#">SB 187</a>	Miles		Health and Human Services	+ 4/17		Passed	→H	Human Services	+	GSC 5/20			
<a href="#">HB 1337</a>	Hull	Prohibits step therapy protocols for serious mental illness	Insurance	3/21	4/11	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services	+	Intent 5/21			
<a href="#">SB 452</a>	Menéndez		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 1543</a>	Oliverson	Statewide standing order for Opioid antagonists	Public Health	4/3									
<a href="#">SB 954</a>	Perry		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 1551</a>	Anchía	Student loan forgiveness for MH professionals in shortage areas Medicaid and CHIP	Higher Education										
<a href="#">SB 532</a>	West		Education	+4/11	4/20		→H 4/26	Higher Education 4/27	+	GSC 5/23			

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<a href="#">HB 1571</a>	Lozano, Rose	Medicaid reimbursement for School-based services	Human Services	3/28	4/14	Passed	→S	Education					
<a href="#">SB 2544</a>	Blanco		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 1626</a>	Allen	Student transition from Juvenile Justice system or alternative education program back to school	Select-Youth Health & Safety	3/23	GSC 4/26	Passed 4/27	→S	Education					
<a href="#">SB 2083</a>	Menéndez		Education										
<a href="#">HB 1898</a>	Jetton, Rose, et al	Grant Program for Children’s Hospitals for MH services	Select-Youth Health & Safety	3/23	+	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services	+				
<a href="#">SB 1365</a>	Hinojosa		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 1907</a>	Anchía	Expunction of Pre-trial intervention records	Criminal Jurisprudence	3/23	GSC 4/28	Passed	→S						
<a href="#">SB 686</a>	N. Johnson		Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 2037</a>	Johnson, A	Juvenile Court proceedings for children with mental illness or IDD	Juvenile Justice and Family Issues	3/29	4/10	Passed	→S						
<a href="#">SB 1585</a>	Sparks, Perry		Criminal Justice	4/11	Intent 4/17	Passed	→H	Juvenile Justice & Family Issues			L&C 5/20		
<a href="#">HB 2044</a>	Bowers	Depression screenings for incarcerated pregnant women	Corrections	4/5	GSC 5/8	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 444</a>	Menéndez		Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 2470</a>	Kuempel	Prohibits adverse actions against first responders with PTSD	State Affairs		GSC 5/2	Passed	→S	Natural Resources & Economic Dev.					
<a href="#">SB 2090</a>	West		Natural Resources and Economic Development										
<a href="#">HB 2100</a>	Price	Student loan assistance for MH	Higher Education	+ 4/5	L&C	Passed	→S	Higher Education	5/11	L&U	Passed 5/21		
<a href="#">SB 804</a>	Schwertner	Professionals at state hospitals, LBHA/LMHA	Higher Education Subcommittee of Senate Education	+ 4/6									
<a href="#">HB 2404</a>	Ann Johnson	Medicaid coverage for functional family therapy	Select-Youth and Family Services	4/4	GSC 4/26	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 2278</a>	Blanco		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 2411</a>	Talarico	Opioid antagonists at public and private schools	Public Education	4/6	4/10	Passed	→S	Education					
<a href="#">SB 629</a>	Menéndez		Education	3/8		Passed	→H	Public Education	+		Passed w/am		
<a href="#">HB 2470</a>	Kuempel	Prohibits discrimination against 1 <sup>st</sup> responders due to MH treatment	State Affairs	+ 4/20		Passed	→S	Natural Resources and Eco. Dev'ment					
<a href="#">SB 2090</a>	West		Natural Resources and Eco. Dev'ment										

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<a href="#">HB 2507</a>	Jetton	Emergency Detention	Public Health	5/1 p									
<a href="#">SB 1433</a>	Hinojosa		Criminal Justice	+ 4/20		Passed	→H	Public Health					
<a href="#">HB 2557</a>	Buckley	LPC	Human Services	+ 4/11	GSC 4/28	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 1100</a>	Paxton	Interstate Compact	Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 2638</a>	Ann Johnson	Multi-Systemic Therapy under Medicaid	Select-Youth Health & Safety	4/4	GSC 4/26	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 2279</a>	Blanco		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 2780</a>	Leach	MH and IDD information reports to align with federal firearms law	Select-Community Safety	3/21									
<a href="#">SB 728</a>	Huffman		State Affairs			Passed	→H 4/10	Select Youth Health & Safety	+4/27	5/11	GSC 5/16		5/19
<a href="#">HB 3186</a>	Leach	Juvenile Court Diversion Programs	Select-Youth Health & Safety	+ 4/28	GSC 5/8	Passed	→S	Criminal Justice	5/16		Passed		
<a href="#">SB 1505</a>	Zaffirini		Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 3192</a>	Lujan	Fentanyl poisoning on death certificates	Public Health	+ 4/20		Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">SB 2004</a>	West		Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 3286</a>	Klick	Exceptions for step-therapy protocols	Select-Health Care Reform	+4/27		Passed	→S	Health & Human Services			Passed w/am		
<a href="#">SB 2201</a>	Hancock		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 3466</a>	Campos	Expand Community Collaboratives	Human Services								Intent		
<a href="#">SB 1641</a>	Campbell		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 3504</a>	Leach	Emergency Detention	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	4/3	GSC 4/24	Passed w/amend	→S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">SB 1815</a>	N. Johnson		Criminal Justice										
<a href="#">HB 3528</a>	Campos	Peer support and suicide prevention in fire departments	Urban Affairs	+ 4/28	5/6	Passed	→S	Local Government			L&U		
<a href="#">SB 2492</a>	Middleton		Local Government										
<a href="#">HB 3592</a>	Goldman	School Psychologists certification	Public Health	4/17 p									
<a href="#">SB 2394</a>	West		Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 4033</a>	Buckley	TCHAT Services in ISDs	Select-Youth Health & Safety										
<a href="#">SB 245</a>	Perry		Education	4/12 p									
<a href="#">HB 4065</a>	Rose	Report from DFPS on suicide attempts by children in DFPS care	Human Services	4/4	4/17	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 2423</a>	N. Johnson		Health and Human Services										

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<a href="#">HB 4085</a>	Spiller	Payment for mental health hearings for commitment to private hospitals	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+ 4/17	GSC 5/2	Passed	→S	State Affairs	5/11p		Passed		
<a href="#">SB 295</a>	Perry		State Affairs	4/12 p									
<a href="#">HB 4123</a>	Guillen	Criminal History information	Homeland Security and Public Safety	+ 4/27	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	Business & Commerce		L&U			
<a href="#">SB 1785</a>	Zaffirini		Business and Commerce										
<a href="#">HB 4154</a>	Frank	Enterprise Fund for bonuses for LBHA/LMHAs, Waco Ctr.-Youth	Public Health										
<a href="#">SB 1282</a>	Springer	State Hospitals Community MH Hospitals.	Health & Human Services	4/19 p									
<a href="#">HB 4467</a>	Price	Establish and expand rural BH centers /Jail diversion centers	Corrections										
<a href="#">SB 1677</a>	Perry		Health and Human Services	+ 4/26		Passed	→H	Corrections	5/11		Passed w/am		
<a href="#">HB 4713</a>	Plesa	Insurance coverage for	Insurance	+ 4/17	4/27	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">SB 1220</a>	Zaffirini	early onset of psychosis	Health and Human Services										
<a href="#">HB 4923</a>	R. Lopez	Community MH grants Veterans and their families	Defense and Veterans Affairs	+ 4/27	LCR 5/9								
<a href="#">SB 1792</a>	Menéndez		Veterans Affairs										
<a href="#">HB 4985</a>	Lujan	Technological grants for MH services	Public Health										
<a href="#">SB 1903</a>	Menéndez		Health and Human Services	4/12 p									
<a href="#">HB 5088</a>	Moody	Procedures for deferral of arrest,	Criminal Jurisprudence	+ 5/2									
<a href="#">SB 2479</a>	Zaffirini	Emergency MH services	Criminal Justice	+4/26		Passed	→H	Criminal Jurisprudence		LCR 5/24			
<a href="#">HB 5210</a>	Sherman, Sr.	Emergency Detention	Public Health										
<a href="#">SB 2287</a>	West		Criminal Justice	4/25	Intent 5/21								

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<a href="#">HB 12</a>	Rose	12 months Medicaid postpartum	Select-Health Care Reform	+ w/o am	3/28	4/21	→ S 4/24	Health & Human Services			Passed w/am		
<a href="#">HB 15</a>	S. Thompson	MH Brain Research Institute	Higher Education	+	4/3	4/11	→ S 4/11						
<a href="#">HB 49</a>	Klick	Hospital investigation transparency	Public Health	+ w/o am		Passed 4/4	→ S 4/5	Health & Human Services	4/19	4/27	Passed 5/4		Signed 5/16
<a href="#">HB 178</a>	Murr	Fentanyl testing	Criminal Jurisprudence	+ w/o am	4/5	4/11	→ S 4/13	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">HB 248</a>	Murr	Code of Conduct	Public Health	+ 3/20	GSC 5/8	Passed	→ S			L&U 5/19			
<a href="#">HB 299</a>	Murr	Recovery Houses accreditation	Public Health	+ 3/27	3/31	Passed 4/26	→ S 4/27	Health & Human Services	+5/21				
<a href="#">HB 400</a>	Klick	Psychiatric Residency grants	Higher Education	4/5	4/28	Passed	→ S	Health & Human Services		Intent 5/21			
<a href="#">HB 484</a>	Meza	Suicide prevention-municipal jails	County Affairs	+ 3/22	+ 4/19	Passed	→ S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">HB 492</a>	Craddick	Midland Co-Ector Co. Hospital	County Affairs	+ 3/22	3/31	Passed	→ S 4/12	Health & Human Services	5/4	L&U			5/11
<a href="#">HB 727</a>	Rose	Eliminates death penalty for persons with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.	Criminal Jurisprudence			Passed 4/5	→ S 4/6						
<a href="#">HB 828</a>	Dutton	Changes definition of child in Juvenile Court system.	Select-Youth Health and Safety	3/13 p									
<a href="#">HB 1019</a>	Reynolds	Re-entry and re-integration	Corrections	4/10 p									
<a href="#">HB 1211</a>	Guillen	Educational loan-school psychologists	Higher Education	4/17 p	L&C 4/25	Passed	→ S	S-Subcommittee on Higher Education 5/5			Passed		
<a href="#">HB 1357</a>	Holland	MAT for OUD	Human Services	+ 4/11	GSC 4/48	Passed 5/2	→ S 5/5	Health & Human Services		L&C 5/21			
<a href="#">HB 1390</a>	Shaheen	MH professionals-telehealth	Insurance	+4/24	LCR 5/9	Passed	→ S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">HB 1394</a>	Moody	Participation in drug court programs	Criminal Jurisprudence	3/28	4/6	Passed	→ S 4/27						
<a href="#">HB 1400</a>	Moody	Regional Assisted Outpatient Treatment Courts	County Affairs	3/29 p									

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<a href="#">HB 1457</a>	Rosenthal	Cultural competence for services to veterans or military.	Defense and Veterans Affairs	3/28	4/5	Passed	→S	Veterans Affairs			Passed		
<a href="#">HB 1464</a>	Campos	Emergency Detention	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	4/26+	5/9								
<a href="#">HB 1771</a>	Price	Patient consent	Public Health	4/3	L&C 4/6	Passed 4/14	→S	Health & Human Services		L&U			
<a href="#">HB 1857</a>	Guillen	Court-ordered chemical dependency treatment 60-90 days	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+4/17	4/25	Passed 5/5	→S	Jurisprudence					
<a href="#">HB 1879</a>	Darby	Medicaid Choice of Provider for counseling services	Human Services	+ 4/18	4/25	Passed 5/4	→S	Health & Human Services		L&U			
<a href="#">HB 1927</a>	Hull	Emergency Detention- of Children Trauma-informed practices	Select-Youth Health and Safety	+ 4/13	4/19	Passed 5/4	→S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">HB 1987</a>	Vasut	Sober Living Homes	Urban Affairs	+ 4/27									
<a href="#">HB 2059</a>	Price	Mental Health First Aid	Public Health	4/3		Passed	→S	Health & Human Services	5/10	L&U			5/18
<a href="#">HB 2072</a>	Jetton	Reduces county match for grants	Public Health	+ 5/1	GSC								
<a href="#">HB 2149</a>	Gervin-Hawkins	Patient Rights	Public Health	+ 5/3		Passed							
<a href="#">HB 2201</a>	Canales	Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP)	Corrections	+ 4/25	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	+	+	L&U			
<a href="#">HB 2233</a>	Spiller	MH training for first responders	Human Services	+ 4/24	LCR 5/6	Passed	→S						
<a href="#">HB 2337</a>	Oliverson	Medicaid for intensive outpatient services and partial hospitalization	Juvenile Justice and Family Issues	+ 4/11	4/18	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">HB 2361</a>	Price	Allows LMHA/LBHA to hire LMSW or LPC at Regional Education Service Center.	Select-Youth Health and Safety	+ 4/13	LCR 4/28	Passed	→S	Education					
<a href="#">HB 2417</a>	Cain	Miranda Warning	Public Health		L&C								
<a href="#">HB 2470</a>	Kuempel	First Responder's mental health	State Affairs	4/19	4/26	Passed	→S	Natural Resources & Economic Dev'tment					
<a href="#">HB 2506</a>	Jetton	Emergency Detention	Public Health	+ 5/1	5/10								
<a href="#">HB 2600</a>	Frazier	Peace officer MH	Homeland Security & Public Safety	4/25 p	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">HB 2698</a>	Guillen	988 Information	State Affairs	4/26 p	LCR	Passed 5/6	→S 5/8	Business and Commerce					
<a href="#">HB 2743</a>	Smith	Incompetence to stand trial	Corrections	4/24 p									
<a href="#">HB 2864</a>	Raymond	Eligibility for veterans courts	Corrections	4/10 p									

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<a href="#">HB 2873</a>	Howard	Maternal screenings for perinatal depression, reduce pregnancy-related deaths	Select-Health Care Reform	4/6	LCR 5/2	Passed 5/2	→S	Health and Human Services		Intent 5/22			
<a href="#">HB 3144</a>	Lujan	Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness	Public Health	+ 4/14	L&C	Passed	→S	Health and Human Services		Intent 5/22			
<a href="#">HB 3271</a>	Reynolds	Fentanyl poisoning as cause on death certificates	Select-Community Safety	4/18 p									
<a href="#">HB 3338</a>	Cole	Opioid antagonists at college dorms	Higher Education	+ 4/20	GSC 5/1	Passed	→S	Higher Education		Intent 5/21			
<a href="#">HB 3363</a>	Frank	Compensation to counties for confinement over 45 days	Corrections	+ 4/19	GSC 5/8	Passed	→S						
<a href="#">HB 3396</a>	Hayes	Competency Restoration	Criminal Jurisprudence	4/17									
<a href="#">HB 3460</a>	Price	BH coverage in government health plans	Insurance	4/25 p	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	Health and Human Services					
<a href="#">HB 3462</a>	Noble	Ombudsman program including behavioral health access to care	Human Services	+4/18	4/18	Passed	→S	Health and Human Services			Passed 5/21		
<a href="#">HB 3532</a>	Sherman	Children w/IDD in police custody	Homeland Security & Public Safety	+ 4/27	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	Criminal Justice					
<a href="#">HB 3534</a>	Morales-Shaw	Violence/Suicide Prevention	Select-Community Safety	+ 4/20	5/1								
<a href="#">HB 3592</a>	Goldman	School Psychologist standards	Public Health	4/17									
<a href="#">HB 3800</a>	K. King	MCO coverage of school-based mental health care	Select-Youth Health and Safety	4/10 p									
<a href="#">HB 3858</a>	Frazier	Peace Officer MH	Homeland Security & Public Safety	+4/27	5/6	Passed				Intent 5/22			
<a href="#">HB 3882</a>	Wilson	Veterans Treatment Courts	Corrections		LCR 5/4								
<a href="#">HB 3903</a>	Ortega	Definition of Psychiatrist	Public Health	4/24	Amended into HB 3504								
<a href="#">HB 3908</a>	Wilson	Fentanyl prevention Grades 6-12	Public Education	4/18 p	LCR 5/9								
<a href="#">HB 3987</a>	Reynolds	Boarding Homes	Land and Resource Management	+ 4/27		Passed	→S	Health & Human Services					
<a href="#">HB 4283</a>	R. Lopez	Recidivism study - treatment courts	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+ 4/17	L&C 4/25	Passed 5/6	→S						



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<a href="#">HB 4431</a>	Wilson	Sober living homes	Urban Affairs	4/18 p		Passed							
<a href="#">HB 4517</a>	Moody	Release on personal bond after hearing if criteria not met	Criminal Jurisprudence	3/28 p									
<a href="#">HB 4611</a>	Price	Reorganization of Texas Government Code & Family Codes	Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	+ 4/17	LCR 5/2	Passed 5/2	→S	Administration	5/15		Passed w/am	H concurs	
<a href="#">HB 4687</a>	Campos	MH/SUD/Public Health Initiative Council	Public Health	+ 4/26	5/5	Passed 5/12							
<a href="#">HB 4696</a>	Noble	Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation	Human Services	+ 4/18	GSC 5/1	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services		L&U			
<a href="#">HB 4758</a>	Thierry	E-cigarettes to minors prohibited	Public Health					Health & Human Services		Intent			
<a href="#">HB 4888</a>	Hefner	Medicaid coverage for non-opioid pain treatments	Human Services	+4/25	LCR 5/9	Passed	→S	Health & Human Services		L&U			
<a href="#">HB 4923</a>	R. Lopez	Reduces county match for grants re: veteran MH	Defense and Veterans Affairs	4/20 p		Passed	→S	Veterans Affairs					
<a href="#">HB 4962</a>	Garcia	Veterans treatment courts	Corrections	+ 4/25									
<a href="#">HB 4972</a>	Garcia	Study of MH services for veterans in rural communities	Defense and Veterans Affairs	4/13	LCR 5/2	Passed	→S	Veterans Affairs					
<a href="#">HB 5021</a>	Guerra	HHSC contractors & Subcontractors	Human Services	4/18 p									
<a href="#">HB 5121</a>	Turner	MH and chemical dependency parity in health benefit plans.	Insurance		LCR 5/4								
<a href="#">HB 5230</a>	Bucy	Health benefit coverage for SMI, MAT, SUD or OUD	Insurance	4/18									
<a href="#">HB 5265</a>	Raymond	Reimbursement for inpatient mh services	Human Services	4/25 p									

## Senate Bills

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<a href="#">SB 26</a>	Kolkhorst	LBHA/LMHA audits, reporting, services, and programs	Health and Human Services	3/29	Intent 4/11	Passed	→H 4/14	Public Health 4/24	5/15	GSC 5/22			
SB 63	Zaffirini	Veteran Mental Health											5/23
<a href="#">SB 850</a>	Blanco/Miles	Texas Child Mental Health Consortium	Health and Human Services			Passed 3/23	→H	Youth Health & Safety	+4/27	LCR 5/9	Passed		5/11
<a href="#">SB 891</a>	Zaffirini	Excused absences for MH appointments	Education	3/8 p									
<a href="#">SB 1302</a>	Zaffirini	Suicide awareness and prevention training at ISDs											
<a href="#">SB 1319</a>	Huffman	Overdose mapping for public safety purposes.	Criminal Justice			Passed 3/15	→H 3/16	Homeland Security & Public Safety	+4/27	5/5			5/12
<a href="#">SB 1624</a>	Zaffirini	Guardianship	Jurisprudence	4/11 p	Intent 5/1	Passed 5/2	→H	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	5/17	L&C 5/22			
<a href="#">SB 1966</a>	Alvarado	Grants for school-based health	Health and Human Services	+ 4/20	Intent 4/27	Passed 5/2	→H	Select Committee on Health Care Reform	5/11 p	GSC 5/23			
<a href="#">SB 2119</a>	Schwertner	Mapping of areas supported by broadband development program	Business and Commerce	+4/12		Passed 4/20	→H 4/21	Public Health		L&C			
<a href="#">SB 2064</a>	Bettencourt	Patient privacy on social media	Health and Human Services	4/19	Intent 5/1	Passed 5/2	→H	Public Health					
<a href="#">SB 2119</a>	Schwertner	Broadband mapping	State Affairs			Passed 4/28	→H	State Affairs			Passed		
<a href="#">SB 2372</a>	Campbell	Instruction on dangers of opioids and fentanyl in schools	Education	4/12		Passed 4/20	→H 4/21	Public Education 4/28					
<a href="#">SB 2468</a>	Eckhardt	HHSC Study of bed availability	Health and Human Services	+ 4/18	Intent 4/24	Passed 4/26	→H	Public Health					
<a href="#">SB 2545</a>	Blanco	Education loan repayment for health care workers in rural counties	Health and Human Services			Passed 4/28							
SB 2628	Campbell	Requires medical examination before admission to MH facility	Health and Human Services			Passed	→H						

### Key:

- The bill numbers in the first column contain links to the text of the bill.
- House Bills (HB) are shaded in blue. Senate Bills (SB) are shaded in salmon. Bills that have died because they failed to progress by deadlines are shaded in grey.
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