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116th Congress Legislative Priorities

H.R.3180 - RISE (Resilience Investment, Support, and Expansion) From Trauma Act

Committees: Education and Labor (H); Energy and Commerce (H); Judiciary (H);
Last Action: Referred to subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

- This bill seeks to invest in schools and communities to adopt trauma-informed practices and policies in order to enhance behavioral and mental health of students.

H.R. 1109 - Mental Health Services for Students Act

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H)

This bill seeks to establish a grant program to support school-based mental health services, such as screening, treatment, and outreach programs.

H.R. 3165 - Mental Health Parity Compliance Act of 2019

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H); Ways and Means (H); Education and Labor (H)

- This bill seeks to confirm that insurance companies and healthcare services are in compliance with the Mental Health Parity Act of 2008, which states that if a company offers mental healthcare services, they must be funded equally to their physical health counterparts.

H.R. 6082 - Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H); Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (S)

- This bill seeks to protect the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records to ensure patients will not face job or social discrimination for seeking treatment.

H.R. 1329 - Medicaid Reentry Act

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H)

- This bill seeks to allow inmates to receive medical assistance under Medicaid during the 30-day period before they are released from a public institution.

H.R. 2431 & S. 2500 - Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H); Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (S)

- This bill seeks to incentivize mental health providers to practice in shortage areas by implementing a loan repayment program. There are 203 of 254 counties in Texas with a designated Mental Health Provider Shortage designation.

H.R. 2848 Parity Enforcement Act

Committees: Education and Labor (H)

- Seeks to expand the Department of Labor's civil monetary penalty to issue fines for parity violations.

H.R. 2874 / S. 1576 Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act

Committees: Energy and Commerce (H); Ways and Means (H); Education and Labor (H); Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (S)

- Seeks to require insurance issuers to disclose to federal regulators how they are making parity decisions, and the rate and reasons for denials of mental health claims. Requires regulators to conduct no fewer than 12 random audits of health plans and to make public the results of those audits. Also establishes a Consumer Parity Unit that gives consumers a single place to get information about their rights and to submit complaints with assurance of timely responses.

S.1895 - Lower Health Care Costs Act

Committee - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (S)

- This bill seeks to protect patients from surprise medical billing, allow generic drugs to hit the market faster, extend funding for community health centers, and increase transparency about cost and health information for patients. Requires group health plans or insurers to conduct comparative analyses about the design and application of nonquantitative treatment (NQTs) to medical and surgical benefits and mental health and substance use disorder.