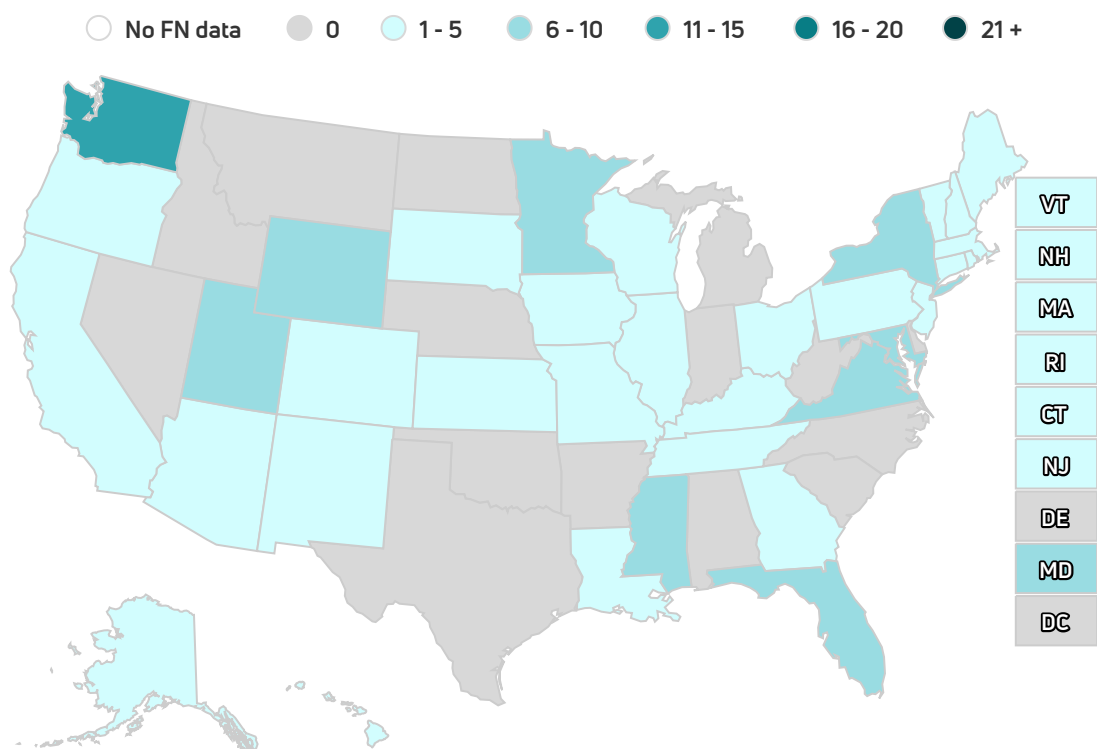




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#### US Policy

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### AK HB 259

**Title:** "An Act establishing the Council on Human and Sex Trafficking; and relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16

**Last Action Date:** (H) Heard & Held. 2024-03-26


**Summary:** This bill establishes the Council on Human and Sex Trafficking in the Department of Public Safety in Alaska. The purpose of the council is to coordinate programs related to

victim services, education, public awareness, data collection, and reducing demand for human and sex trafficking. The council's duties include developing and implementing a standardized data collection system on human and sex trafficking, dispensing state and federal money and awarding grants and contracts to qualified local community entities for intervention and prevention programs, overseeing and auditing these entities, coordinating and consulting with other state agencies and community entities working on human and sex trafficking, and conducting public hearings and creating opportunities for public input on these issues.

**Location:** US-AK

 State Plans/Progra...

 Crisis Continuum

 Northwest

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## AK SB 188

**Title:** "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

**Current Status:** In Senate


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16

**Last Action Date:** (S) Minutes (SFIN). 2024-02-22

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. Suicide Prevention Council receives \$608,700 from general and other funds. Children's Services receives \$2,711,900 from general and other funds. These funds are distributed varyingly between Children's Services Management, Front Line Social Workers, Family Preservation, Foster Care Augmented Rate, and Foster Care Special Need.

**Location:** US-AK

 State Budgets

 Northwest

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## AZ HB 2859

**Title:** Teen suicide awareness special plates

**Current Status:** In Senate


**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-06

**Last Action Date:** Senate Republican Caucus - Yes. 2024-03-26

**Summary:** This bill adds a new section to establish teen suicide awareness special plates. If a person pays \$32,000 to the Department of Transportation by December 31, 2024, the

department shall issue teen suicide awareness special plates. The design and color of the plates are subject to department approval.

**Location:** US-AZ

 State Budgets

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## CA SB 1318

**Title:** Pupil health: suicide prevention policies: pupil mental health crisis.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-16

**Last Action Date:** Set for hearing April 3.. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This bill would amend existing law related to pupil health, specifically suicide prevention policies and pupil mental health crisis intervention in educational settings. The bill would require local educational agencies to adopt policies addressing crisis intervention protocols in cases of pupil mental health crises, limiting the involvement of law enforcement to situations of imminent danger to the pupil's life. The bill also outlines the process for informing parents or guardians of pupils experiencing mental health crises. Furthermore, the bill mandates that agencies review their suicide prevention policies at least every fifth year and update them to incorporate best practices identified by the Department of Education. The bill also encourages agencies without mental health professionals to consider redirecting funding to hiring such professionals. The bill includes specific provisions regarding suicide prevention policies for different grade ranges, mandates training for teachers on suicide awareness and prevention, and sets deadlines for policy revisions and updates. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill imposes costs on local agencies, reimbursement shall be made accordingly.

**Description:** SB 1318, as amended, Wahab. Pupil health: suicide prevention policies: pupil mental health crisis. Existing law requires the governing board or body of a county office of education, school district, state special school, or charter school that serves pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to adopt a policy on pupil suicide prevention that specifically addresses, among other things, procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, and any training on suicide awareness and prevention to be provided to teachers of pupils in all of the grades served by the local educational agency. Existing law requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency that serves pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to review, at minimum every 5th year, its policy on pupil suicide prevention and, if necessary, update its policy. This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2026, the policy to also address crisis intervention protocols that local educational agencies are required to follow in the event of a pupil mental health crisis, as defined, including the process by which staff and external agencies are deployed to address a pupil mental health crisis, limiting the involvement and notification of law enforcement to situations in which a pupil's life is in imminent danger and their needs cannot be addressed by a mental health professional, and the process for informing the parent or guardian of the

pupil experiencing the mental health crisis, as provided. The bill would require, at each meeting of the governing board or body of a local educational agency when the governing board or body reviews its policy on pupil suicide prevention, if the local educational agency does not have a school mental health professional, the governing board or body to discuss whether funding should be identified for purposes of hiring a school mental health professional. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

**Location:** US-CA

 Crisis Lines

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## CA SB 1397

**Title:** Behavioral health services coverage.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-16

**Last Action Date:** From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This bill aims to ensure that healthcare service plans and health insurers provide coverage for behavioral health crisis services, including services provided by 988 centers, mobile crisis teams, and other providers. This bill would authorize a county to report to the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance a complaint about a health care service plan's or a health insurer's failure to make a good faith effort to contract or enter into an agreement with the county to obtain reimbursement for behavioral health crisis services, or to timely reimburse the county for services the plan or insurer is required to cover by state or federal law, and would require the respective department to timely investigate the complaint.

**Description:** SB 1397, as amended, Eggman. Behavioral health services coverage. Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law provides for the regulation of health and disability insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires a health care service plan contract or disability insurance policy to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. This bill would require a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after July 1, 2025, that covers medically necessary mental health and substance use disorder services to comply with rate and timely reimbursement

requirements for services delivered by a county behavioral health agency, as specified. Unless an enrollee or insured is referred or authorized by the plan or insurer, the bill would require a county behavioral health agency to contact a plan or insurer before initiating services. The bill would authorize a plan or insurer to conduct a postclaim review to determine appropriate payment of a claim, and would authorize the use of prior authorization as permitted by the regulating department. The bill would require the departments to issue guidance to plans and insurers regarding compliance with these provisions no later than April 1, 2025. Because a willful violation of these provisions by a health care service plan would be a crime, and the bill would impose a higher level of service on a county behavioral health agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, with regard to certain mandates, no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

**Location:** US-CA

 988

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## CA SB 1378

**Title:** Pupil and student safety: identification cards: federal Title IX assistance telephone number.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-16


**Last Action Date:** Referred to Com. on ED.. 2024-02-29

**Summary:** This bill would, commencing July 1, 2025, require a public school, including a charter school, or a private school, that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that issues pupil identification cards, and a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards, to additionally have printed on the identification cards the telephone number for the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for assistance related to Title IX.

**Description:** SB 1378, as introduced, Min. Pupil and student safety: identification cards: federal Title IX assistance telephone number. Existing law requires a public school, including a charter school, or a private school, that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that issues pupil identification cards, and a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards, to have printed on the identification cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and authorizes those schools to have printed on the identification cards certain other suicide-prevention and emergency-response telephone numbers. This bill

would, commencing July 1, 2025, require a public school, including a charter school, or a private school, that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that issues pupil identification cards, and a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards, to additionally have printed on the identification cards the telephone number for the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for assistance related to Title IX.

**Location:** US-CA

 K-12 Schools

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## CA AB 2052

**Title:** School-Based Health and Education Partnership Program.

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-01

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and ED.. 2024-02-12

**Summary:** This bill establishes the School-Based Health and Education Partnership Program in California. The bill amends existing law to require the State Department of Public Health to collaborate with the Office of School-Based Health Programs within the State Department of Education to award grant funding to applicants. The bill also revises the preferred recipients for funding, giving preference to school-based health centers serving schools in which more than 55% of pupils serviced are unduplicated pupils or areas experiencing health disparities in child and adolescent access to primary care, behavioral health, preventative health, or oral health services. The bill establishes procedures and requirements for school health centers receiving grant funding, including the provision of comprehensive services such as medical, oral health, mental health, and health education. School health centers must work in partnership with the school nurse, if available, and have written contracts or memoranda of understanding with health care providers and community organizations. The bill also outlines criteria for planning grants, facilities and startup grants, and sustainability grants. The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Office of School-Based Health Programs, will develop a request for proposal process for collecting information on applicants and determining which proposals will receive grant funding.

**Description:** AB 2052, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. School-Based Health and Education Partnership Program. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Support Program to assist health centers in schools and school districts. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health, subject to an appropriation, to establish a grant program to provide funding for, among other things, expansion, renovation, and retrofitting of existing school health centers. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to develop a request for proposal process in order to collect information on applicants and determine which proposals shall receive funding. Existing law requires the

State Department of Public Health to give preference to, among others, schools with a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth or schools with a shortage of health professionals. This bill would instead require the State Department of Public Health to collaborate with the Office of School-Based Health Programs within the State Department of Education in order to award grant funding to applicants. This bill would revise and reorganize the above-described preferred recipients and give preference to school-based health centers serving, among others, schools in which more than 55 percent of pupils serviced are unduplicated pupils, as defined, or areas experiencing health disparities in child and adolescent access to primary care, behavioral health, preventative health, or oral health services.

**Location:** US-CA

 K-12 Schools

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## CO HB 24-1187

**Title:** Department of Human Services Supplemental

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-02

**Last Action Date:** Governor Signed. 2024-02-27

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$ 98,196,864 to Integrated Behavioral Health Services, which is further distributed between Behavioral Health Crisis Response System Services, Behavioral Health Crisis Response System Telephone Hotline, etc.

**Description:** Supplemental appropriations are made to the department of human services. (Note: This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.)

**Location:** US-CO

 State Budgets

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## CT SB 141

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-15

**Last Action Date:** File Number 14 (LCO). 2024-03-13

**Summary:** This bill aims to expand the pilot program known as the CRISIS Initiative throughout the state. The Division of State Police, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, is required to expand this program by January 1, 2025. The expanded program must include training for state police officers, coordination

between state police officers and mental health professionals, and referrals to mental health facilities. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the CRISIS Initiative is implemented statewide. There is no information provided about any specific impacted business industries or monetary impacts associated with this bill. However, the expansion of the pilot program may have resource implications for the Division of State Police and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

**Description:** To require the Division of State Police to expand the CRISIS Initiative pilot program to all areas of the state.

**Location:** US-CT

 State Plans/Progra...

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## FL SB 7016

**Title:** Health Care

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-13

**Last Action Date:** Chapter No. 2024-15. 2024-03-22

**Summary:** This bill focuses on various amendments and additions to healthcare-related statutes. It defines a "mobile crisis response service" or "mobile response team" as a nonresidential behavioral health crisis service that operates 24/7, offering immediate intensive assessments and interventions, including screening for admission into mental health receiving facilities, addictions receiving facilities, or detoxification facilities, to identify suitable treatment services. The department is tasked with establishing rules outlining minimum standards for services provided by mental health overlay programs or mobile crisis response services. These standards for mobile crisis response services must include requirements for child, adolescent, and young adult mobile response teams, ensuring coverage across all counties. Additionally, they must establish a structure for general mobile response teams focusing on crisis diversion and reducing involuntary commitments. This structure should encompass triage and rapid crisis intervention, provision of evidence-based services, screening and assessment, and ensuring connection to service providers and medication if required.

**Description:** Revising the purpose of the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program; requiring the Department of Health to implement the Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program for a specified purpose; providing requirements for birth centers designated as advanced birth centers with respect to operating procedures, staffing, and equipment; requiring advanced birth centers to enter into a written agreement with a blood bank for emergency blood bank services; authorizing certain psychiatric nurses to order emergency treatment of certain patients; creating the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program for a specified purpose; enacting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in this state, etc.

**Location:** US-FL



## FL SB 164

**Title:** Solutions for Mental Health Professional Shortages

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2023-10-10

**Last Action Date:** Died in Health Policy. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill establishes a Mental Health Profession Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Program within the department. Its goal is to attract capable students to mental health professions and encourage qualified professionals to work in areas with critical shortages. Scholarships are granted for up to two years, not exceeding \$8,000 annually, and may be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index. Recipients must commit to providing mental health services in underserved areas or working in faculty positions after graduation. Those who fail to meet their obligations must repay the scholarship with interest. Loan repayment awards are also available for graduates in mental health professions, with the state making principal repayments for up to four years, contingent on continued employment in eligible healthcare facilities. The program prioritizes different types of employers, and its implementation is subject to specific funding. Rules will be adopted to address exceptional circumstances leading to default.

**Description:** Establishing a mental health profession scholarship and loan forgiveness program within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; providing for applicant eligibility and the award of scholarships; specifying service obligations for scholarship recipients; providing for applicant eligibility and the award of loan repayments, etc.

**Location:** US-FL

## FL SB 792

**Title:** Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-07


**Last Action Date:** Died in Health Policy. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill aims to extend Medicaid coverage to include community-based mobile crisis intervention services for Medicaid recipients. The agency is tasked with developing a plan for this coverage by January 1, 2025, consulting various relevant entities before seeking federal approval and waivers necessary for the plan's implementation. These entities include the Department of Children and Families, Department of Education, local governments, law enforcement agencies, school districts, managing entities, and managed care plans. The agency must adopt rules to enforce this section, and the act is set to take

effect on July 1, 2024, contingent upon funding availability and directions in the General Appropriations Act.

**Description:** Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide coverage for community-based mobile crisis intervention services for Medicaid recipients, subject to the availability of funds and specified limitations or directions; requiring the agency to perform certain duties by a specified date, including seeking federal approval and waivers for such coverage, etc.

**Location:** US-FL

 Mobile Crisis

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## FL HB 5001

**Title:** General Appropriations Act

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-01

**Last Action Date:** Ordered enrolled. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates \$500,000 to Citrus Health Network - Crisis Stabilization Units (HF 2527). Additionally, it allocates \$250,000 to Clay Behavioral Health Center - Community Crisis Prevention Team (HF 3606). And finally appropriates \$480,000 for Community Health of South Florida - Pediatric Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Unit (HF 3248).

**Description:** Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2024, & ending June 30, 2025, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2024, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government.

**Location:** US-FL

 State Budgets

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## FL HB 205

**Title:** Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2023-10-17


**Last Action Date:** Died in Select Committee on Health Innovation. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** The bill creates Section 409.90637 of the Florida Statutes, which requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide coverage for community-based mobile crisis intervention services for Medicaid recipients. The agency is required to develop a plan for this coverage by January 1, 2025, and seek federal approval and waivers for the coverage

by a specific date. The agency must also adopt rules to implement and administer this section. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2024.

**Description:** Requires AHCA to provide coverage for community-based mobile crisis intervention services for Medicaid recipients; provides duties of agency; requires agency to seek federal approval & waivers for such coverage.

**Location:** US-FL

 Mobile Crisis

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## FL HB 1309

**Title:** Community Mobile Support Teams

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-05

**Last Action Date:** Died in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill requires DCF to contract with managing entities for community mobile support teams to place certain crisis counselors within local law enforcement agencies to conduct follow-up contacts with certain persons. It also provides requirements for crisis counselors, community mobile support teams, & certain community mental health centers.

**Description:** Requires DCF to contract with managing entities for community mobile support teams to place certain crisis counselors within local law enforcement agencies to conduct follow-up contacts with certain persons; provides requirements for crisis counselors, community mobile support teams, & certain community mental health centers.

**Location:** US-FL

 Mobile Crisis

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## GA HB 1131

**Title:** Education; evidence based suicide awareness and training programs; provide

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-06


**Last Action Date:** House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute. 2024-02-26

**Summary:** This bill seeks to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which relates to the health of students in elementary and secondary education. The main provisions of the bill are as follows: 1. Requires all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in suicide awareness and prevention. 2. Requires all public schools serving students in grades six through 12 to provide at least one hour of evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention training each school year, starting in the 2026-2027 school year. 3. Requires all public schools serving students in grades six through 12 to provide at least one hour of evidence-based youth violence prevention training each school year. 4. The Department of

Education, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, will develop a list of approved evidence-based training materials for suicide prevention and youth violence prevention. 5. Requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy for student suicide awareness and prevention and provide relevant information to students and school personnel regarding anonymous reporting of dangerous activities. 6. Requires each local school system to adopt a policy on student suicide awareness and prevention and to sponsor a student-led student violence prevention club to sustain awareness activities related to suicide prevention and violence prevention

**Description:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for evidence based suicide awareness and training programs; to provide for a definition; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**Location:** US-GA

 K-12 Schools

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## HI SB 2345

**Title:** Relating To Crisis Intervention.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-19

**Last Action Date:** The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 14 Ayes: Representative(s) Yamashita, Kitagawa, Aiu, Chun, Garrett, Kahaloa, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Morikawa, Nishimoto, Poepoe, Takenouchi, Ward; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Cochran, Alcos.. 2024-03-27

**Summary:** This legislation mandates the Department of Law Enforcement to organize crisis intervention training for both state and county law enforcement agencies, as well as crisis intervention officers. The Department of Health is tasked with certifying these officers, and the bill outlines the definition of a "crisis intervention officer." These officers are granted the authority to order individuals deemed imminently dangerous to themselves or others to be transported to a specified behavioral health crisis center. The legislation also establishes new positions, acknowledges that the general fund expenditure ceiling is surpassed, and includes a financial appropriation.

**Description:** Authorizes the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Location:** US-HI

## HI SB 3139

**Title:** Relating To Crisis Services.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-24

**Last Action Date:** Report adopted. referred to the committee(s) on FIN as amended in HD 2 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Martinez, Nakashima, Quinlan excused (3).. 2024-03-22

**Summary:** This bill aims to establish a crisis intervention and diversion services program within the Department of Health in Hawaii. The program's purpose is to redirect individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system to appropriate healthcare services. The program would collaborate with law enforcement, courts, mental health providers, and the community. The department may lease or acquire a facility to operate a behavioral health crisis center to provide treatment and referral services.

**Description:** Establishes a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to expand existing services to divert those with mental health issues to appropriate health care services. Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and training and certification for crisis intervention officers. Defines "mental health emergency worker" and "crisis intervention officer". Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

**Location:** US-HI

## HI HB 1831

**Title:** Relating To Crisis Intervention.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-19

**Last Action Date:** Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM/JDC.. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This bill establishes the behavioral health crisis center pilot program, and appropriates funds for the pilot program.

**Description:** Establishes the Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program. Authorizes the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

**Location:** US-HI

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## HI SB 2465

**Title:** Relating To Mental Health.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-19

**Last Action Date:** Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.. 2024-02-15

**Summary:** This bill aims to improve the state's programs for individuals with severe mental illnesses. The bill proposes several measures to achieve this, including, Requiring the Department of Health to track and publicly report data on crisis reports, emergency mental health transports, and court-ordered treatments, to review reports about individuals with severe mental illnesses who need assistance and assess whether they meet the criteria for assisted community treatment. If they do, the department will coordinate the process for an assisted community treatment order.

**Description:** Requires the Department of Health to track and publicly report certain data relating to crisis reports, emergency mental health transports, and court-ordered treatments. Requires DOH to respond to reports about persons having severe mental illness who are in need of assistance, assess whether those persons fulfill criteria for assisted community treatment, and coordinate the process for an assisted community treatment order if indicated. Establishes that a court's denial of a petition for involuntary commitment shall serve as notification to DOH that the person should be evaluated for assisted community treatment. Makes permanent sections 334-161 and 334-162, HRS. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes appropriations. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

**Location:** US-HI

 Crisis Lines

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## HI SB 2246

**Title:** Relating To Crisis Intervention.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-18

**Last Action Date:** Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.. 2024-02-15

**Summary:** This bill aims to establish an expanded crisis intervention and diversion activities program within the Department of Health in Hawaii. The program would be focused on diverting individuals with mental health issues away from the criminal justice system and towards appropriate healthcare services. The bill also allows for the lease or acquisition of a behavioral health crisis center facility for treating and referring patients from the criminal

justice system to the appropriate services. The bill includes provisions for the training and certification of crisis intervention officers, who are law enforcement officers trained to recognize and communicate with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

**Description:** Establishes an Expanded Crisis Intervention and Diversion Activities Program within the Department of Health to expand existing activities to divert those with mental health issues to appropriate health care services. Defines "crisis intervention officer". Authorizes a person believed to be imminently dangerous to self or others by a law enforcement officer to be transported to a facility designated by the Director of Health. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes appropriations for the Expanded Crisis Intervention and Diversion Activities Program and certification of law enforcement officers in mental health first aid and crisis intervention team model. (SD1)

**Location:** US-HI

 Crisis Lines

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## IA SF 2255

**Title:** A bill for an act making appropriations to supplement federal moneys received to fund 988 suicide and crisis lifeline services.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-07

**Last Action Date:** Subcommittee: Edler, Costello, and Jochum.. 2024-02-12

**Summary:** This bill makes an appropriation of \$3,719,940 to the 24 department of health and human services for FY 2024-2025 to supplement funds received from the federal substance abuse and mental health services administration under the cooperative agreements for states and territories to improve local 988 capacity for the operations of organizations that conduct 988 suicide and crisis lifeline telephone, text, or internet services in Iowa. Moneys appropriated for this purpose shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain available for the purpose designated until the close of FY 2025-2026.

**Location:** US-IA

 State Budgets

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## IL SB 3156

**Title:** Sch Cd-Various

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-06


**Last Action Date:** Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This bill provides that the State Board may identify in-service training programs to be used by school boards (instead of shall approve in-service training programs). The bill

also provides that school counseling should seek to incorporate culturally sensitive measures of success for student competencies in each of the 3 domains of academic, social-emotional, and college and career learning based on the planned and periodic assessment of the school counseling program, along with infusing the social-emotional learning standards, as presented in the State Board of Education's learning standards, across the curriculum and in the counselor's role in ways that empower and enable students to achieve academic success across all grade levels.

**Description:** Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning a comprehensive strategic plan, provides that the State Board of Education shall annually review the strategic plan, update the contents of the plan if necessary, and provide updates to the Governor and General Assembly (instead of requiring the plan to be updated and issued to the Governor and General Assembly). Makes changes concerning property tax relief pool grants and tuition for non-resident pupils. In provisions concerning hazardous materials training, provides that the State Board may identify in-service training programs to be used by school boards (instead of shall approve in-service training programs). In provisions concerning e-learning days, provides that a research-based program for e-learning days shall be verified annually before the implementation of any e-learning days in a school year (instead of requiring verification on or before September 1st annually); makes other changes. In provisions concerning school counseling services, provides that school counseling services shall (instead of may) be provided by school counselors and may be delivered through a comprehensive school counseling program; makes other changes. Makes changes concerning the reporting of firearms and drug-related incidents in schools, educator licensure, reenrolled students, and career and technical education. Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Makes changes concerning threat assessment team members, and fixes a typographical error. Amends the Vocational Education Act. Makes changes regarding the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.

**Location:** US-IL

 K-12 Schools

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## IL SB 2606

**Title:** Higher Ed-Mental Health Days

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-10-18

**Last Action Date:** Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 20, 2024. 2024-03-14


**Summary:** This bill aims to amend the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. The bill proposes that the board of trustees at each public college or university in the state must implement a policy allowing for a minimum of 5 mental health days for students per academic year. This would necessitate institutions to accommodate mental health needs by granting students the flexibility to take these allotted days off for mental health reasons. This bill signifies a recognition of the importance of mental health in academic settings and



seeks to ensure that students have the necessary support and resources to address their mental well-being during the academic year.

**Description:** Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Provides that the board of trustees of each public college or university shall adopt a policy that allows for a minimum of 5 mental health days for students to use per academic year. Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Provides that, beginning no later than the 2026-2027 academic year, the governing body of each public college or university shall adopt a student wellness day policy for each academic term that does one of the following: (1) allows students to use a minimum of 2 student wellness days per academic term; (2) provides students a minimum of 2 scheduled student wellness days per academic term; or (3) allows students to use a minimum of one student wellness day per academic term and provides students a minimum of one scheduled student wellness day per academic term. Provides that each public college or university student wellness day policy shall apply to students who are enrolled in at least one academic course that lasts 9 weeks or longer during an academic term, with exceptions. Provides that student wellness days shall only be used on academic days. Provides that no student wellness days shall be carried over from one academic term to the next academic term. Provides that no academic course work shall be assigned or due to students on a scheduled student wellness day, if the scheduled student wellness day does not conflict with any of the rules or policies established by the public college or university under the Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Location:** US-IL

 Higher Education

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## IL SB 3842

Medium Priority

**Title:** \$Dhs-Oce

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-28

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Assignments. 2024-02-28

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. The remaining balance, not to exceed \$5,000,000, is reappropriated from the State Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Fund to the Department of Human Services. These funds are designated for suicide prevention initiatives, encompassing both grants and administrative expenses. This includes expenditures permitted under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, along with any pertinent federal directives, encompassing costs from previous fiscal years. Additionally, the Department of Human Services receives \$250,000 for Suicide Prevention Services of America-Batavia II from the Fund for Illinois' Future.

**Description:** Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as follows: General

Funds \$7,281,580,233; Other State Funds \$1,952,657,199; Federal Funds \$5,014,170,974; Total \$14,248,408,406.

**Location:** US-IL

 State Budgets

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## KS HB 2273

**Title:** Substitute for HB 2273 by Committee on Appropriations - Making and concerning certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-02-02

**Last Action Date:** Engrossed on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** In this Kansas appropriations bill, the Department for Aging and Disability Services allocates \$3,576,100 to the RSI crisis center, \$1,300,000 to the Comcare crisis center, \$500,000 to the Valeo crisis center, and \$85,000 to the Salina crisis center.

**Location:** US-KS

 State Budgets

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## KS SB 514

**Title:** Substitute for SB 514 by Committee on Ways and Means - Making and concerning supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 for various state agencies.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-14

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Committee on Appropriations. 2024-03-19

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It appropriates funds with no limits to 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline fund (039-00-2913-2913).

**Location:** US-KS

 Crisis Lines

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## KS HB 2802

**Title:** Making and concerning certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-14

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Committee on Appropriations. 2024-02-14

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates without any limit, funds to the 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline fund (039-00-2913-2913).

**Location:** US-KS

 State Budgets

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## KY HB 30 Medium Priority

**Title:** AN ACT relating to veterans.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-02

**Last Action Date:** delivered to Governor. 2024-03-27

**Summary:** This bill establishes the Kentucky Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program aims to lessen suicide rates among service members, veterans, and their families by raising awareness and facilitating access to necessary services. It plans to address barriers to service, collaborate with various partners, and connect individuals to mental health resources. The program will advocate for at-risk individuals, aid communities in developing suicide reduction plans, and promote training and educational materials. Additionally, the Department must submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission.

**Description:** Create a new section of KRS Chapter 40 to establish the Kentucky Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program.

**Location:** US-KY

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## KY HB 347

**Title:** AN ACT relating to prevention-oriented child abuse awareness.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-23


**Last Action Date:** to Families & Children (H). 2024-03-12

**Summary:** This act relates to prevention-oriented child abuse awareness. It amends KRS 158.4416 to require all public schools in Kentucky to adopt a trauma-informed approach to education. This approach aims to recognize, understand, and address the learning needs of

students impacted by trauma, and to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. The amendment requires each school district and public charter school to employ at least one school counselor in each school, with the goal that the counselor spends at least 60% of their time providing counseling and related services directly to students. The goal is also to provide at least one school counselor or school-based mental health services provider for every 250 students.

**Description:** Amend KRS 158.4416 to require a trauma-informed team to incorporate age-appropriate and evidence-based child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention into the training, guidance, and assistance provided by the team; require the trauma-informed toolkit to include recommendations regarding child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention; require a school's trauma-informed plan to include strategies for child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention; require the Kentucky Department of Education to send annual notification of where the standards for child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention can be found within the academic standards for health; provide that the Act may be cited as Erin's Law.

**Location:** US-KY

 K-12 Schools

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## KY HB 740

High Priority

**Title:** AN ACT relating to the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline fund and making an appropriation therefor.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-26

**Last Action Date:** to Appropriations & Revenue (H). 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill establishes the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Fund in the State Treasury. The Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities will oversee the fund. The money in the fund is designated for implementing and operating the national 988 suicide and crisis lifeline, as well as for public education on mental health, depression, and suicide prevention. Unused funds will carry over to the next fiscal year, and any interest earned will remain in the fund. The initial fee for the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline is \$41, with \$25 allocated to the Special Fund (SF), \$6 to the Contingency Fund (CF), and \$10 to the Enhancement Fund (EF), as established under Section 1 of this Act. The renewal fee for the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline is also \$41, with the same breakdown of allocations to the SF, CF, and EF as for the initial fee, as established under Section 1 of this Act.

**Description:** Create a new section of KRS Chapter 210 to create the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline fund; establish authorized uses for moneys in the fund; amend KRS 186.162 to add a specialized license plate for the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline fund; APPROPRIATION.

**Location:** US-KY

## LA SB 310

**Title:** SCHOOLS: Requires every public and approved nonpublic secondary school to print "988" on the back of all school IDs. (7/1/24)

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-01

**Last Action Date:** Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Education.. 2024-03-25

**Summary:** This bill requires every public and approved nonpublic secondary school in Louisiana to print the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline hotline number "988" on the back of all student identification cards. The existing law already mandates schools to post this hotline number on their websites and student IDs.

**Location:** US-LA

📁 K-12 Schools

## MA H 1999

**Title:** An Act relative to student mental health

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-02-16

**Last Action Date:** Read second and ordered to a third reading. 2024-03-28

**Summary:** This bill requires student identification cards in public schools (grades 6 to 12) and in public or private institutions of higher education include the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The bill specifies that this requirement would go into effect on July 1, 2023, for public schools and institutions of higher education. However, if a school or institution of higher education has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not comply with this requirement as of January 1, 2023, they may continue to issue those cards until the supply is depleted.

**Description:** By Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1999) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to require that student identification cards contain suicide prevention lifeline contact information. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

**Location:** US-MA

📁 K-12 Schools

## MA S 276

**Title:** An Act relative to safety and violence education for students (the SAVE Students Act)

**Current Status:** In Senate


**Introduction Date:** 2023-02-16

**Last Action Date:** Senate concurred. 2024-03-28

**Summary:** This bill establishes a statewide anonymous reporting program for unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or violent activities on school property. It also mandates the development of a model safety assessment policy for schools serving grades 6 to 12 and requires the provision of evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention trainings, as well as social inclusion trainings for students. Additionally, the bill outlines reporting and accountability procedures for schools and law enforcement agencies. The provisions of the bill will take effect 12 months after its passage.

**Description:** By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 276) of Barry R. Finegold and Vanna Howard for legislation relative to safety and violence education for students (the SAVE Students Act). Education.

**Location:** US-MA

 K-12 Schools

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## MA H 2264

**Title:** An Act to create equitable approaches to public health

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-02-16

**Last Action Date:** Accompanied S1407. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This bill aims to establish the Equitable Approaches to Public Health grant program in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts. The program's purpose is to increase the availability of non-law enforcement, and unarmed community-based response options for emergency calls. The grant program would support initiatives that protect the well-being of residents, prevent violence, de-escalate situations, ensure access to human services, reduce government use of force, and provide alternative responses to law enforcement when appropriate. This bill aligns with efforts to improve emergency communications and 911 services by expanding the options available to residents in crisis situations and promoting effective responses, including suicide prevention hotlines.

**Description:** By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2264) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Paul W. Mark and others that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services establish a grant program to increase the availability of non-law-enforcement, unarmed community-based response options for emergency calls. Public Health.

**Location:** US-MA

## MA HD 4986

**Title:** An Act designating Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day

**Current Status:** Status Currently Unavailable

**Summary:** This bill proposes designating September 22nd as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day in Massachusetts. The governor would be required to annually issue a proclamation for this day to recognize fallen service members and veterans, raise awareness of suicide among them, call for prevention measures, and show support for those who serve the country.

**Location:** US-MA

Crisis Lines

## MA S 1237

**Title:** An Act relative to student mental health

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-02-16

**Last Action Date:** Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill's first amendment would require public schools and charter schools that serve students in grades 6 to 12 to include the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline on student identification cards. This amendment would also apply to new or replacement student identification cards. The second amendment would require public and private institutions of higher education to include the telephone and text numbers for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline on student identification cards. This amendment would also apply to new or replacement student identification cards. The effective date for these amendments is proposed to be July 1, 2023.

**Description:** By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1237) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis, Susannah M. Whipps, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to student mental health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

**Location:** US-MA

K-12 Schools

## MD HB 284

Medium Priority

**Title:** Education - Provision of Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline Telephone Number - Alteration

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-12

**Last Action Date:** Returned Passed. 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill mandates each county board in Maryland to ensure that every student in grades six through twelve has access to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by prominently displaying the hotline number in the school handbook and, if applicable, on the student's school identification card. The legislation clarifies that existing handbooks and identification cards do not need to be reprinted or reissued for compliance. The effective date of this requirement is July 1, 2024.

**Description:** Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

**Location:** US-MD

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## MD SB 122

Medium Priority

**Title:** Education - Provision of Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline Telephone Number - Alteration

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-10-18

**Last Action Date:** Third Reading Passed (139-0). 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill aims to amend a requirement concerning crisis hotline information to students by county boards of education. Specifically, it proposes changing the hotline number from the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for students in grades six through twelve. The current mandate includes printing the hotline number prominently in school handbooks and, if available, on student identification cards. Notably, the bill specifies that existing handbooks or identification cards in use need not be reprinted or reissued to comply with this updated requirement.

**Description:** Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

**Location:** US-MD

 K-12 Schools

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## MD HB 933

High Priority

**Title:** Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-02

**Last Action Date:** Second Reading Passed. 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill establishes a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by subscribers to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8 accessible service, as well as a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions. The purpose of the fee is to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, as well as developing and implementing a statewide initiative for behavioral health crisis response services. The fees collected will be deposited in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund and will be audited by the Comptroller. The Fund may be used only for carrying out its purpose and is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits.

**Description:** Establishing a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9-8-8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fees in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

**Location:** US-MD

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## MD SB 974

High Priority

**Title:** Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-02

**Last Action Date:** Second Reading Passed. 2024-03-28

**Summary:** Summary: Senate Bill 974 establishes a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to telephone services, such as switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS), or other 9-8-8-accessible service. It also establishes a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions. The collected fees will be deposited in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund, which will be used for the reimbursement of costs associated with designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, as well as the development and implementation of a statewide

initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services. The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund and is subject to audit. The 9-8-8 fee is 25 cents per month, payable when the bill for the telephone service is due. The bill does not apply to prepaid wireless telecommunications services.

**Description:** Establishing a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9-8-8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fees in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

**Location:** US-MD

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## MD SB 654

**Title:** Prince George's County - Student Support - Specialist Networks and Success Action Plans (Student Supports and Success Act)

**Current Status:** In House


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-29

**Last Action Date:** Hearing 3/27 at 1:30 p.m.. 2024-03-27

**Summary:** This bill aims to establish Student Support Specialist Networks in each public high school in Prince George's County, Maryland. The bill requires the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop a template for a Student Support Success Action Plan to be used by each network. The plan is required to include metrics for measuring and achieving improvements in various areas such as access to behavioral and mental health supports, student referrals to services, use of restorative approaches to address student misconduct, and reducing out-of-school suspensions and expulsions. Each network is required to develop, approve, and implement a plan using the approved template, subject to review and approval by the County Board.

**Description:** Establishing a Student Support Specialist Network consisting of certain school-based personnel at each public high school in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop a certain template using certain guidelines on or before December 31, 2024; and requiring each Student Support Specialist Network in the county to develop, approve, and implement a certain plan subject to review and approval by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

**Location:** US-MD

 K-12 Schools

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## MD SB 360

**Title:** Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17

**Last Action Date:** House advisors: (Delegates Shetty, Watson and Metzgar). 2024-03-27

**Summary:** This appropriations bill allocates \$500,000 to the City of Frederick for mental health services and crisis intervention, with funds reverting to the General Fund if not fully utilized. Additionally, \$200,000 is designated for the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center for urgent mental health care services, with the same stipulation for fund reversion.

**Description:** Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

**Location:** US-MD

 Crisis Lines

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## MD SB 615

**Medium Priority**

**Title:** General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-26

**Last Action Date:** Hearing 4/02 at 1:00 p.m.. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This is an act requiring the Governor of Maryland to annually proclaim July 11 as Maryland Veterans Suicide Awareness Day. The bill emphasizes the need for greater awareness of veteran suicide and the tools available to help veterans. The proclamation for Maryland Veterans Suicide Awareness Day is designated as a day of reflection, recollection, and determination for Maryland veterans, service members, family members, and all Marylanders. The bill encourages destigmatizing mental health support, creating more opportunities for individuals with mental health issues to seek help openly, and urging veterans to reach out for assistance. The proposed legislation also involves renumbering certain sections of the Annotated Code of Maryland related to general provisions. The bill is assigned to the Education, Energy, and the Environment committee and is set to take effect on July 1, 2024.

**Description:** Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim September 30 as Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day.

**Location:** US-MD

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## MD HB 1394

Medium Priority

**Title:** Education - Provision of 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and Safe Schools Maryland Telephone Numbers

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-09

**Last Action Date:** Withdrawn by Sponsor. 2024-03-11

**Summary:** This bill proposes amendments to the Education Article of the Maryland Annotated Code. It requires each county board of education to provide students in grades six through twelve with the telephone numbers of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Safe Schools Maryland anonymous tip line. Currently, the county board is only required to provide the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline. The bill specifies that the telephone numbers of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Safe Schools Maryland anonymous tip line should be prominently printed in the school handbook and on a student's school identification card if provided.

**Description:** Requiring, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each county board of education to provide students in grades six through twelve with the telephone numbers of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Safe Schools Maryland anonymous tip line by printing the telephone numbers prominently in the school handbook and printing the telephone numbers on a student's school identification card, if provided.

**Location:** US-MD

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## ME LD 1263 (HP 811)

**Title:** An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2023-03-21

**Last Action Date:** Signed by the Governor. 2024-03-25

**Summary:** This bill requires secondary schools that provide identification cards to students to ensure that the identification card includes a suicide prevention hotline telephone number. July 19, 2023 Update: This bill was amended to provide that, in addition to the original content of the bill, In addition, it requires a school administrative unit and a public postsecondary educational institution to place the 988 telephone number in at least one location that is regularly accessed by students.

**Location:** US-ME

 K-12 Schools

 Re summarized Bills

## ME LD 2237 (HP 1437)

High Priority

**Title:** An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-28

**Last Action Date:** On motion by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin PLACED ON THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED, in concurrence.. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This bill aims to strengthen public safety, health, and well-being by expanding services and coordinating violence prevention resources in Maine. Key provisions include: 1. Strengthening and expanding mental health crisis intervention mobile response services to operate 24/7 and incorporating peer support specialists, recovery coaches, mental health law enforcement liaisons, and community debriefing services. 2. Coordinating E-9-1-1 and 9-8-8 services by January 30, 2025, and submitting a status report by January 30, 2026, with suggested legislation. 3. Appropriations and allocations are detailed for mental health crisis intervention services, including funding for peer workers, peer support specialists, recovery coaches, mental health law enforcement liaisons, community debriefing, and critical incident response services.

**Location:** US-ME

 Crisis Lines

## MN HF 2822

**Title:** Suicide prevention training for teachers funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-03-09

**Last Action Date:** Motion to recall and re-refer, motion prevailed Education Finance. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** The bill appropriates \$265,000 to provide a grant to a national provider of online suicide prevention training for teachers. The grant recipient must offer free access to the training to teachers in all schools in Minnesota and report on the number of teachers completing the training and their perception of it.

**Location:** US-MN

## MN SF 5035

**Title:** Provisions classifying and regulating the use and sharing of mental health data when responding to a mental health emergency modification

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-18

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety. 2024-03-18

**Summary:** This bill relates to data practices regarding the classification and regulation of mental health data in response to mental health emergencies. It modifies provisions in Minnesota Statutes regarding the classification of mental health data collected by community mental health centers, county mental health divisions, fire, and public safety agencies during contacts with individuals authorized under specific statutes. The bill outlines circumstances under which such data may be disclosed, emphasizing the privacy of individuals' information except in specific situations like court orders, investigations, eligibility verification, and emergencies where disclosing the information is necessary to protect health or safety.

**Location:** US-MN

## MN SF 5042

**Title:** Crisis response services and treatment supervision to individuals on crisis teams graduate social workers clinical practice temporary authorization

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-18

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Health and Human Services. 2024-03-18

**Summary:** This bill allows licensed graduate social workers to engage in clinical practice without supervision if they are providing crisis response services. Additionally, licensed graduate social workers who are clinical trainees may engage in clinical practice without treatment supervision if they are providing crisis response services or treatment supervision to a crisis team under the same section. The exemption from supervision requirements for licensed graduate social workers acting as mental health professionals for clinical trainees and practitioners providing crisis assessment or intervention services expires on August 1, 2026.

**Location:** US-MN

## MN HF 4289

Low Priority

**Title:** Licensed graduate social workers temporarily allowed to engage in clinical practice without supervision if providing crisis response services and to provide treatment supervisions to individuals on crisis teams.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-26

**Last Action Date:** Committee report, to adopt and re-refer to Health Finance and Policy. 2024-03-18

**Summary:** This bill temporarily allows licensed graduate social workers in Minnesota to engage in clinical practice without supervision if they are providing crisis response services or providing treatment supervision to crisis teams. The bill specifies that this exemption expires on August 1, 2026. The amendment affects several sections of Minnesota Statutes. It allows licensed graduate social workers to engage in clinical practice without supervision under specific circumstances related to crisis response services. Additionally, it outlines the supervision requirements for clinical trainees and mental health practitioners providing crisis assessment and intervention services, with an exemption for licensed graduate social workers acting as mental health professionals. The impacts of this bill may include increased flexibility for licensed graduate social workers in crises, potentially leading to improved access to behavioral health services for individuals in need.

**Location:** US-MN

## MN HF 4671

**Title:** Respite care grants modified, youth care professional training program created, adult and children's mobile transition units modified, and money appropriated.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-07

**Last Action Date:** Introduction and first reading, referred to Human Services Policy. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This proposed bill is related to mental health and includes various modifications and provisions such as altering respite care grants, establishing a youth care professional training program, and making changes to adult and children's mobile transition units. The Youth Care Professional Training Program, mandated by the Commissioner of Human

Services, is designed to provide essential training for direct care staff working in children's residential treatment settings and those offering day treatment services as described by Minnesota Rules. A third-party training provider, knowledgeable in child welfare, trauma-informed care, and youth development, is contracted to develop and administer the curriculum. The program focuses on teaching participants to provide services using a trauma-informed model of care and covers various topics including data practices, cultural competency, racial bias, disabilities, gender-based needs, critical incident report writing, grievance procedures, medication assistance, CPR, and first aid. Participants who complete the training are listed in a youth care professional registry maintained by the training provider, and their training records can be shared with their employing child-serving organizations with written approval.

**Location:** US-MN

 Crisis Lines

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## MN SF 4699

High Priority

**Title:** Commissioner of health appropriation correction

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-07

**Last Action Date:** Referred to Health and Human Services. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. A one-time appropriation of \$4,000,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 is designated for 988 national suicide prevention lifeline grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.561.

**Location:** US-MN

 State Budgets

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## MN SF 4669

**Title:** School counselor ratios recommendation

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-07


**Last Action Date:** Referred to Education Policy. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill recommends school counselor ratios, emphasizing a ratio of one school counselor for every 250 children in prekindergarten or preschool programs and students in kindergarten through grade 12. The bill highlights the duties of school counselors, including assisting students in meeting graduation requirements, college and career exploration, academic planning, mental health awareness, crisis intervention, collaborating with families and educators, data analysis, and advocating for student success. The bill also encourages that 80% of a school counselor's time be spent providing direct services to students. It



mandates that school counselors must hold an appropriate license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

**Location:** US-MN

 K-12 Schools

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## MN HF 4512

**Title:** School counselor ratios recommended, and school counselor duties established.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-04

**Last Action Date:** Author added Norris. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill recommends school-counselor ratios and establishes specific duties for school counselors. The bill encourages school districts to maintain a student-to-counselor ratio of one school counselor for every 250 children from prekindergarten through grade 12 starting from the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

**Location:** US-MN

 K-12 Schools

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## MN HF 4571

**Title:** Commissioner of health appropriation corrected.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-04

**Last Action Date:** Introduction and first reading, referred to Health Finance and Policy. 2024-03-04

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. A one-time appropriation of \$4,000,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 is designated for 988 national suicide prevention lifeline grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.561.

**Location:** US-MN

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## MO HB 2010

**Title:** APPROPRIATIONS BILL

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-14


**Last Action Date:** HCS Reported Do Pass (H). 2024-03-27

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. The Department of Mental Health has allocated funds for various initiatives related to the implementation of the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. From the Federal Stimulus - 2021 Fund, \$1,221,935 is appropriated for this purpose. Additionally, one-time funding of \$40,328 is allocated for administrative expenses related to the 988 Crisis Response, while \$3,140,197 is designated for expenses and equipment under the same program. Furthermore, \$853,383 is allocated for suicide prevention initiatives from the Department of Mental Health Federal Fund (0148).

**Description:** APPROPRIATION BILL

**Location:** US-MO

 State Budgets

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## MO HB 2471

**Title:** MENTAL HEALTH EFFORTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Current Status:** In House


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-18

**Last Action Date:** Public Hearing Completed (H). 2024-03-25

**Summary:** This provides that for the 2025-2026 school year and onwards, the legislation outlines updates to school district policies regarding youth suicide awareness and prevention training. The updates include mandatory training and guidance on the Columbia Protocol (C-SSRS), a tool supporting suicide risk assessment. Additionally, there is a requirement for training on a virtual tool to assist teachers in supporting students seeking mental health information. The legislation also mandates mental health awareness training for high school graduates starting from the 2022-23 school year. Public schools or charter schools serving grades nine through twelve must provide mental health awareness instruction, based on a program established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Further, from the 2025-26 school year onward, this instruction should occur regularly and cover topics such as suicide awareness, crisis lifeline information, and tools like the Columbia Protocol. The legislation, known as "Brennan's Law," also requires mental health awareness training for pupils entering grade nine, and instruction for grades five to eight with age-appropriate content. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is tasked with developing a model curriculum, and a virtual tool by the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Children's Office is to be implemented before July 1, 2025, providing mental health resources and support.

**Description:** Modifies provisions governing mental health efforts in public schools

**Location:** US-MO

 K-12 Schools

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## MS SB 2408

**Title:** Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-16


**Last Action Date:** Returned For Concurrence. 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill requires that certain identification cards, driver's licenses, and permits include 988 Crisis Lifeline contact information. This requirement applies to identification cards issued to faculty and students at state institutions of higher learning, as well as all general identification cards and driver's licenses issued by the Department of Public Safety. The bill also specifies details regarding the design of the identification cards, including the inclusion of color photographs and specific wording related to the Crisis Lifeline.

**Description:** An Act To Amend Sections 37-101-15, 45-35-11 And 63-1-35, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require Certain Identification Cards And Driver'S Licenses And Permits To Have 988 Crisis Lifeline Contact Information; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

 K-12 Schools

 Higher Education

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## MS SB 3021

**Title:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-12

**Last Action Date:** Referred To Appropriations C;Appropriations A. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates \$636,374 for Crisis Centers. An additional \$3,910,702 is appropriated for the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund supported by General Fund court assessments. Finally, for Crisis Stabilization Units, the bill sets a performance target of 1.50 minutes as the average length of time from Mental Health Crisis to receipt of Community Mental Health Crisis Service.

**Description:** An Act Making An Appropriation To Defray The Expenses Of The Department Of Mental Health For Fiscal Year 2025.

**Location:** US-MS

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## MS HB 1662

**Title:** Workforce development; revise certain provisions related to.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-19


**Last Action Date:** Referred To Education;Appropriations. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This is a bill that proposes amendments to various sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972 related to career technical education pathways in high schools and the role of the State Board of Education. As part of the comprehensive local school district safety plan, starting from the 2019-2020 school year, the State Department of Education must ensure that local school districts conduct refresher training on mental health and suicide prevention for all school staff every two years. This includes cafeteria workers, custodians, teachers, and administrators. The Mississippi Department of Mental Health will oversee the development or selection of training content, which will be provided free of charge to school employees. School districts are required to report the completion of this training to the State Department of Education.

**Description:** An Act To Amend Section 37-73-3, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Modify The Directive Of The Office Of Workforce Development From Piloting A Career Coaching Program In Middle Schools And High Schools, To Implementing Such Program For The Long Term; To Amend Section 37-153-209, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Revise The Qualification Of The Mississippi Allied Health College And Career Navigator To Provide That The Office Of Workforce Development Shall Promulgate Rules And Regulations On The Eligibility Requirements Of The Navigators; To Create New Section 37-153-223, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Create The Individual Training Account Workforce Reinforcement Assistance (Ita-Wrap) Program, Which Shall Be Directed By The Office Of Workforce Development For The Purpose Of Providing Education And Training To Citizens Seeking Employment In High-Wage, High-Demand Industries With Documented Workforce Shortages Prioritized By The Office; To Provide For Definitions; To Provide That The Department Of Employment Security Shall Serve As Fiscal Agent In Administering The Funds; To Create A New Section Of Law To Authorize The Executive Director Of The Mississippi Department Of Rehabilitation Services To Grant A Paid Internship To Students Pursuing Junior Or Senior Undergraduate-Level Year Coursework Toward A Bachelor'S Degree In A Program That Qualifies The Individual To Become A Rehabilitation Specialist Or A Benefit Program Specialist Within The Mississippi Department Of Rehabilitation Services; To Provide That The Funds May Be Used For Tuition, Books And Related Fees; To Provide The Requirements To Be Eligible And Remain Eligible For The Internship; To Provide The Terms Of The Internship; To Bring Forward Sections 37-16-17, 37-1-3, 37-13-9, 37-17-3, 37-17-5, 37-17-6, 37-73-9, 37-1-4, 37-1-9, 37-1-11, 37-3-2, 37-3-4, 37-3-49, 37-3-59, 37-3-67, 37-3-79, 37-3-83, 37-3-89, 37-3-93, 37-3-95, 37-3-107, 37-4-3, 37-4-5, 37-4-11, 37-4-15, 37-7-301, 37-7-307, 37-7-335, 37-7-345, 37-7-346, 37-7-403, 37-7-407, 37-7-707, 37-7-1001, 37-9-1, 37-9-79, 37-9-201, 37-9-251, 37-11-54, 37-12-5, 37-13-6, 37-13-10, 37-13-19, 37-13-60, 37-13-60.1, 37-13-91, 37-13-92, 37-13-131, 37-13-133, 37-13-134, 37-13-135, 37-13-171, 37-13-173, 37-13-175, 37-13-193, 37-13-195, 37-13-205, 37-13-207, 37-13-211, 37-14-3, 37-15-38, 37-15-39, 37-16-3, 37-17-8, 37-17-12, 37-17-13, 37-17-15, 37-18-1, 37-18-5, 37-19-9, 37-21-7, 37-21-51, 37-21-53, 37-23-31, 37-23-69, 37-23-127, 37-23-137, 37-23-143, 37-23-145, 37-23-147, 37-23-193, 37-23-195, 37-23-197, 37-23-201, 37-23-203, 37-25-29, 37-27-1, 37-27-51, 37-27-93, 37-28-7, 37-28-15, 37-28-43, 37-28-47, 37-29-163, 37-29-165, 37-29-167, 37-29-169, 37-29-171, 37-29-232, 37-29-271, 37-29-272, 37-31-69, 37-31-73, 37-31-

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**Location:** US-MS

 K-12 Schools

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## MS HB 601

**Title:** Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or violence.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-24


**Last Action Date:** Died In Committee. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill prohibits professional school counselors from counseling students that abortion can be used to prevent the birth of a baby.

**Description:** An Act To Require The State Board Of Education, Acting Jointly With The State Board Of Health And The Mississippi Department Of Human Services, To Establish A Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; To Require The State Department Of Education, The State Department Of Health And The Mississippi Department Of Human Services To Determine The School Districts In Which The Pilot Program Will Be Implemented; To Require The State Department Of Education, The State Department Of Health And The Mississippi Department Of Human Services To Evaluate The Effectiveness Of The Pilot Program; To Prohibit Any Effort To Counsel That Abortion Can Be Used To Prevent The Birth Of A Baby; To Require The State Department Of Education, With The Input Of The State Department Of Health And The Mississippi Department Of Human Services, To Submit A Report On The Pilot Program To The Chairmen Of Certain Legislative Committees Before

January 1, 2029; To Amend Section 37-9-79, Mississippi Code Of 1972, In Conformity To The Provisions Of This Act; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

 K-12 Schools

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## MS HB 337

**Title:** 988 Crisis Lifeline; require information regarding to be included on driver's licenses, permits and identification cards.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-22

**Last Action Date:** Died In Committee. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill, introduced in the Mississippi Legislature, aims to amend several sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972 related to driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and identification cards. The proposed amendment would require all driver's licenses, driving permits, commercial driver's licenses, and identification cards issued by the state to include the words "Crisis Lifeline - Dial or text 988, or chat 988lifeline.org" on the reverse side of the license, permit, or card. This provision would also apply to personnel employed by and students enrolled in state-supported postsecondary educational institutions. The bill does not specify any impacted business industries or monetary impacts.

**Description:** An Act To Amend Sections 63-1-35 And 45-35-3, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require All Driver'S Licenses, Driving Permits, Commercial Driver'S Licenses Or Identification Cards Issued By The State Of Mississippi To Include The Words "Crisis Lifeline - Dial Or Text 988, Or Chat 988Lifeline.Org" On The Reverse Side Of The License, Permit Or Card; To Amend Sections 45-35-11 And 45-35-53, Mississippi Code Of 1972, In Conformity To The Preceding Provisions; To Require All State-Supported Postsecondary Educational Institutions Under The Governing Authority Of The Board Of Trustees Of State Institutions Of Higher Learning, Mississippi Community College Board Or Board Of Trustees Of A Community College District To Issue An Identification Card To All Personnel Employed By And All Students Enrolled And Attending Said Postsecondary Institutions To Include The Words "Crisis Lifeline - Dial Or Text 988, Or Chat 988Lifeline.Org" On The Reverse Side Of The License, Permit Or Card; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

 Crisis Lines

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## MS HB 612

**Title:** School counselors; exclude from ASCA requirements.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-24

**Last Action Date:** Died In Committee. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill aims to exclude professional school counselors employed by Mississippi public school districts from having to comply with the American School Counselors Association's policies, procedures, and code of ethics. The amendment would give local school boards discretion in assigning K-12 professional school counselors to particular schools within the district, with the requirement that they hold at least a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. The bill outlines various comprehensive counseling services that professional school counselors should provide, including academic and personal/social counseling, career and educational counseling, crisis intervention, referrals to community agencies, and more. The amendment also states that professional school counselors must spend a minimum of 80% of their contractual time delivering services to students, as outlined by the American School Counselor Association. These services include school counseling core curriculum, individual student planning, responsive services, and indirect student services. The amendment requires professional school counselors to abide by the American School Counselor Association's Code of Ethics.

**Description:** An Act To Amend Section 37-9-79, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Exclude Professional School Counselors Employed By Mississippi Public School Districts From Complying With The American School Counselors Association'S Policies, Procedures And Code Of Ethics; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

 K-12 Schools

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## MS HB 1598

**Title:** Civil commitment; respondent in county with a crisis stabilization unit shall be taken to and retained there if bed is available.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-19

**Last Action Date:** Died In Committee. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** The bill proposes that a respondent in a civil commitment proceeding who is taken into custody in a county with a Crisis Stabilization Unit must be transported to the unit for pre-evaluation screening and treatment. If the Crisis Stabilization Unit has an available bed, the respondent should be retained after that evaluation. Only if the Crisis Stabilization Unit does not have an available bed and there is no licensed medical facility or other suitable location should the respondent be retained in jail. The bill outlines the procedures for issuing a writ for taking a person into custody for evaluation by licensed medical professionals, the appointment of examiners, representation by an attorney, and the criteria for emergency retention for evaluation. It also allows for holding a person for up to seventy-two hours without a civil order if they pose a substantial likelihood of harm to themselves or others due to mental illness. The legislation specifies that if a person poses a threat to a minor child and

is held for treatment, the mental health professional must notify the Department of Child Protection Services before discharge.

**Description:** An Act To Amend Section 41-21-67, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That A Respondent In A Civil Commitment Proceeding Who Is Taken Into Custody In A County In Which A Crisis Stabilization Unit Is Located Shall Be Transported To The Crisis Stabilization Unit For Pre-Evaluation Screening And Treatment And Retained There After Evaluation If The Crisis Stabilization Unit Has An Available Bed; To Provide That Only If The Crisis Intervention Unit Does Not Have An Available Bed And There Is No Licensed Medical Facility Or Any Other Available Suitable Location May The Respondent Be Retained In Jail; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

 Crisis Lines

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## MS SB 2201

**Title:** 988 Crisis Lifeline; include on licenses, state-issued photo identification and digital wallets.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-02

**Last Action Date:** Died In Committee. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill requires the Department of Public Safety in Mississippi to include the universal telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline on any license, state-issued photo identification card, or digital wallet. The licenses and identification cards will include the words "Crisis Lifeline - Dial or Text 988, or chat 988lifeline.org". The bill also amends existing sections of the Mississippi Code to ensure that all identification cards, whether physical or electronic, include the hotline information. It further grants the Department of Public Safety the responsibility to regulate a digital wallet for state agency credentials, ensuring that the wallet includes the hotline information.

**Description:** An Act To Require The Department Of Public Safety To Include The Universal Telephone Number For The National Suicide Prevention And Mental Health Crisis Hotline On Any License, State-Issued Photo Identification Card Or Digital Wallet; To Amend Sections 45-35-5, 45-35-53 And 45-35-71, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Conform; And For Related Purposes.

**Location:** US-MS

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## NH HB 1109



**Title:** (New Title) relative to requiring student identification cards to include the helpline for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.


**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-11-28

**Last Action Date:** Hearing: 04/02/2024, Room 101, LOB, 09:00 am; SC 13. 2024-03-26

**Summary:** This bill requires student identification cards for students in grades 6-12 in public schools and chartered public schools to include the helpline for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders. The requirement applies to new and replacement cards issued after the effective date of this section. Schools must certify annually that the contact information on the cards is accurate and up to date. The National Alliance for Eating Disorders Helpline must be labeled on the cards and include the current phone number at the time of production.

**Location:** US-NH

 K-12 Schools

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## NJ A 4135

**Title:** Requires counties to establish crisis intervention services programs for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and sheriff's officers.

**Current Status:** Status Currently Unavailable

**Location:** US-NJ

 Crisis Lines

 Bill text pending

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## NJ A 3607

**Title:** Requires public school instruction in suicide prevention to be provided in grades kindergarten through 12 and include certain elements.

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-12

**Last Action Date:** Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee. 2024-02-12

**Summary:** This bill provides that the instruction in suicide prevention will also include mental health as it relates to suicide prevention, and the instruction will be provided to students in each of the grades kindergarten through 12. The bill also specifies the following minimum elements that must be included as part of the instruction: (a) the concept of wellness including self-care and personal responsibility for one's mental health and wellness; (b) the concept of mental health as an integral part of health; (c) recognition of the warning signs of suicide; (d) awareness of the risk of suicide and self-harm; (e) the

relationship between mental health, substance abuse, and other negative coping behaviors; (f) the negative impact of stigma and cultural attitudes toward mental illness; (g) the implications of risk factors, protective factors, and resiliency on mental health and wellness; and (h) identifying appropriate professionals, services, and family supports for suicide prevention.

**Location:** US-NJ

 K-12 Schools

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## NM HB 298

**Title:** SERVICE MEMBERS SUICIDE PREVENTION

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-30

**Last Action Date:** Signed by Governor - Chapter 20 - Feb. 29. 2024-02-29

**Summary:** The bill establishes the "service members and veterans suicide prevention program". The program aims to raise awareness of and reduce death by suicide within the population of service members, veterans and family members, work to reduce barriers at the community and individual level that increase the risk of suicide by increasing access to crisis and suicide prevention services, and connect service members, veterans and family members whose need for services are based upon a risk of death by suicide or other circumstances outlined by the program, with appropriate community and mental health providers and resources.

**Location:** US-NM

 State Plans/Progra...

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## NY A 1680

**Title:** Creates the rural suicide prevention council

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2023-01-17

**Last Action Date:** ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This bill will establish the Rural Suicide Prevention Council, tasked with examining the causes, prevalence, and conditions related to rural suicides and suicide attempts, as well as identifying policies, practices, resources, services, and potential legislation to reduce rural suicide and suicide attempts. The council will consist of 12 members appointed by the Commissioner, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Speaker of the Assembly, Temporary President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Assembly, and Minority Leader of the Senate. They are not to be compensated for their service but will be allowed actual and necessary expenses. The

council is required to submit a report biennially, containing their findings and recommended policies, legislation, and funding.

**Description:** Creates the twelve member rural suicide prevention council to examine the causes of rural suicides or attempts and to make recommendations for rural suicide reduction.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Plans/Progra...

 Crisis Continuum

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## NY A 8803

**Title:** AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17

**Last Action Date:** PRINT NUMBER 8803B. 2024-03-12

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It appropriates \$209,071 for services and expenses of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service Inc. It also appropriates \$60,000,000 for the payment of costs related to administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline system serving the state. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to: staffing, hardware, software, consultants, financing, and other administrative costs to operate crisis call centers throughout the state and the provision of acute and crisis services for mental health and substance use disorders by directly responding to the 9-8-8 hotline established according to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 and rules adopted by the Federal Communication Commission. Additionally, \$1,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to suicide prevention efforts for veterans, first responders, law enforcement, and corrections officers; \$2,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses of organizations related to suicide prevention, peer-to-peer training, and other mental health supports and services for veterans and first responders, including disaster relief workers; \$10,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to youth suicide prevention; and \$1,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to suicide prevention efforts for high-risk populations, including Latina adolescents, Black youth, members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, and Queer community, and Rural Communities.

**Description:** Makes appropriations for the support of government - Aid to Localities Budget.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Budgets

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## NY A 8804

**Title:** CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17

**Last Action Date:** PRINT NUMBER 8804B. 2024-03-12

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates \$10,000,000 For services and expenses of municipalities and not-for-profit agencies licensed, certified, or approved by the office of mental health, to support increased capacity and expansion of mental health and substance use treatment services which may include but not be limited to intensive crisis stabilization centers, and intensive mobile treatment, among others.

**Description:** Makes appropriations for the support of government - Capital Projects Budget.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Budgets

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## NY S 8303

**Title:** AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17

**Last Action Date:** PRINT NUMBER 8303B. 2024-03-11

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It appropriates \$209,071 for services and expenses of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service Inc. It also appropriates \$60,000,000 for the payment of costs related to administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline system serving the state. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to: staffing, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other administrative costs to operate crisis call-centers throughout the state and the provision of acute and crisis services for mental health and substance use disorders by directly responding to the 9-8-8 hotline established pursuant to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 and rules adopted by the Federal Communication Commission. Additionally, \$1,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to suicide prevention efforts for veterans, first responders, law enforcement and corrections officers; \$2,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses of organizations related to suicide prevention, peer-to-peer training, and other mental health supports and services for veterans and first responders, including disaster relief workers; \$10,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to youth suicide prevention; and \$1,000,000 is allocated for services and expenses related to suicide prevention efforts for high-risk populations, including Latina adolescents, Black youth, members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, and Queer community, and Rural Communities.

**Description:** Makes appropriations for the support of government - Aid to Localities Budget.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Budgets

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## NY S 8304

**Title:** CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17

**Last Action Date:** PRINT NUMBER 8304B. 2024-03-11

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates \$10,000,000 For services and expenses of municipalities and not-for-profit agencies licensed, certified, or approved by the Office of Mental Health, to support increased capacity and expansion of mental health and substance use treatment services which may include but not be limited to intensive crisis stabilization centers, and intensive mobile treatment, among others.

**Description:** Makes appropriations for the support of government - Capital Projects Budget.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Budgets

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## NY S 7776

**Title:** Directs the commissioner of the office of mental health to promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting any suicide prevention or mental health services hotline operated or sponsored by the state from being automated.

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-11-29

**Last Action Date:** REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE. 2024-03-06

**Summary:** This bill amends the mental hygiene law in New York by prohibiting any suicide prevention or mental health services hotline operated or sponsored by the state from being automated. This means that the commissioner is required to establish rules and regulations that prevent these specific hotlines from using automated systems.

**Location:** US-NY

 Crisis Lines

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## NY A 8015

**Title:** Directs the commissioner of mental health to conduct a study of child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams in New York state, and deliver a report including the findings and recommendations of such study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2023-09-01

**Last Action Date:** reported referred to ways and means. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This bill seeks to conduct a study of child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach in order to learn more about the specific needs of children and youth in mental health crises and how state resources can be used to assist them. The study will include reviewing the current landscape of child- and youth-target mobile crisis outreach in New York, identifying gaps, analyzing challenges in the implementation of child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams identifying solutions, and making recommendations for best practices and implementation guidance.

**Location:** US-NY

 State Plans/Progra...

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## NY A 7395

**Title:** Provides for definitions of mental health and family and youth peer and requires the office of mental health establish peer service qualification programs

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-05-19

**Last Action Date:** REFERRED TO MENTAL HEALTH. 2024-02-13

**Summary:** This bill proposes to amend the mental hygiene law to provide definitions of mental health and family and youth peers. It also requires the Office of Mental Health to establish peer service qualification programs. Mental Health Peer (MHP) refers to an individual with lived experience who is actively in recovery from a mental health condition and has self-disclosed their mental health journey. Family Peer Advocate (FPA) refers to an individual with lived experience as the biological, foster, or adoptive parent or primary caregiver of a child or youth with a social, emotional, behavioral, mental health, or developmental disability. Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) refers to an individual who self-identifies as a person with first-hand experience with mental health and/or co-occurring behavioral challenges as a young person or has received services in any one of the child-serving systems or programs. The bill specifies that the Office of Mental Health should foster programs for the training and development of persons capable of providing peer services.

**Description:** Provides for definitions of mental health and family and youth peer advocates and requires the office of mental health to establish peer service qualification programs.

**Location:** US-NY

 Resolutions

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## NY S 8549

**Title:** Relates to setting minimum reimbursement for mobile crisis intervention services

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-13

**Last Action Date:** REFERRED TO INSURANCE. 2024-02-13

**Summary:** This bill aims to amend the insurance law in New York to establish a minimum reimbursement rate for mobile crisis intervention services. The bill specifies that reimbursement for covered services provided by a mobile crisis intervention services provider shall be at a rate that is not less than the rate paid for such services under the Medical Assistance Program.

**Description:** Sets the reimbursement for mobile crisis intervention services to be a rate that is not less than the rate that would be paid for such services pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law.

**Location:** US-NY

 Crisis Lines

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## OH SB 225

Low Priority

**Title:** Designate Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-21

**Last Action Date:** Referred to committee Veterans and Public Safety. 2024-02-28

**Summary:** The bill aims to designate September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day, replacing the current designation of the first Saturday of May. The amendment is a symbolic gesture to raise awareness about the issue of veterans' suicide.

**Description:** To amend section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.

**Location:** US-OH

 Crisis Lines

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## OR SB 1547

**Title:** Relating to access to health care; and declaring an emergency.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-05

**Last Action Date:** In committee upon adjournment.. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill introduces several provisions related to mental health and substance use treatment for minors in Oregon. It outlines procedures for parental admission of minors for inpatient substance use disorder treatment, insurance coverage for cannabis use treatment for minors, and establishes a virtual opioid dependency program through the 988 Lifeline. Additionally, it proposes the establishment of an emergency medical services reciprocal licensing program and appropriates funds for various initiatives. Virtual Opioid

Dependency Pilot Program: The bill directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a Virtual Opioid Dependency Pilot Program to provide intervention and treatment for users with opioid use disorder through the 988 Lifeline. This program must allow individuals who call 988 in Oregon to speak with a provider with prescribing-privileges. The provider may: Start the caller on an opioid agonist therapy Refer the caller immediately to treatment, transition, and ongoing dependency services Take appropriate steps to intervene and provide treatment for the caller Providers participating in the pilot program are given protection from civil liability for actions taken in good faith. \$5 million from the General Fund is appropriated to fund the pilot program. OHA must report on the outcomes of the pilot by September 15, 2025.

**Description:** Digest: The Act requires health benefit plans to cover treatment for a minor's cannabis use under certain conditions. The Act requires OHA to set up a short-term program to test a way to help people with drug addiction. The Act requires the program to allow people to call the mental health hotline and get treatment right away for drug addiction. The Act directs the OHA to convene a group to give advice to the OHA. The Act requires the group to suggest to OHA how to set up a program to allow EMTs who are licensed in another state to get a license in this state. The Act requires the OHA to set up the program and begin issuing licenses by a certain date. The Act takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.4). Digest: The Act permits a treatment facility to admit a minor for inpatient substance use disorder treatment for up to 14 days when the parent consents to treatment but the minor does not. The Act directs the OHA to adopt rules setting out the criteria and procedure for admission when the minor objects or the length of proposed treatment is more than 14 days. The Act requires health benefit plans to cover inpatient treatment for a minor's cannabis use under certain conditions. The Act requires OHA to set up a short-term program to test a way to help people with drug addiction. The Act requires the program to allow people to call the mental health hotline and get treatment right away for drug addiction. The Act directs the OHA to convene a group to give advice to the OHA. The Act requires the group to suggest to OHA how to set up a program to allow EMTs who are licensed in another state to get a license in this state. The Act requires the OHA to set up the program and begin issuing licenses by a certain date. The Act takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).` Permits the director of a treatment facility to admit a minor for inpatient substance use disorder diagnosis, evaluation and treatment for up to 14 days with parental consent when the minor objects to the admission. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules setting forth criteria and procedure for admission when the minor objects to the admission or the director of the treatment facility recommends a longer period of treatment. Permits the treatment facility to disclose information regarding the minor's treatment to the minor's parent or guardian.` Requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a virtual opioid dependency pilot program to provide immediate intervention and a referral to treatment to callers to the 9-8-8 hotline by a qualified health care provider. Gives health care providers civil immunity for actions taken in good faith. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Requires health benefit plans to cover inpatient` medically necessary treatment for cannabis use by a minor under certain conditions. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to convene an advisory committee to provide recommendations




on the establishment of an emergency medical services reciprocal licensing program. Requires the advisory committee to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care not later than September 15, 2024. Requires the authority to establish and begin issuing licenses under the reciprocal license program not later than January 1, 2025. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Location:** US-OR

 State Plans/Progra...

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## OR HB 4096

**Title:** Relating to firearm hold agreements; and prescribing an effective date.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-05

**Last Action Date:** In committee upon adjournment.. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill allows federal firearms licensees (FFLs) to enter into agreements with firearm owners to hold their firearms for safety purposes. The agreement would involve the FFL taking possession of the firearm, storing it for an agreed-upon period of time, and returning it to the owner according to the terms of the agreement. The bill also directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop and distribute a firearm suicide prevention pamphlet, based on evidence-based practices, to reduce the risk of firearm suicides. Under the bill, a person may not bring a cause of action against an FFL for any act or omission related to entering into a firearm hold agreement, unless the action is based on negligence or unlawful conduct. The existence of an individual firearm hold agreement may only be disclosed by the FFL pursuant to a warrant or subpoena. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die. The impacted industry would be federal firearms licensees, who would be able to offer the service of holding firearms for safety.

**Description:** Digest: The Act allows FFLs to enter into agreements to hold guns for safety. The Act also directs OHA to develop a firearm safety pamphlet. The Act takes effect on the 91st day after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.9). Authorizes a federal firearms licensee to enter into a firearm hold agreement with a firearm owner. Prohibits a civil cause of action against a licensee who takes possession of a firearm pursuant to a firearm hold agreement unless the action is based on negligence or unlawful conduct. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to develop a firearm suicide prevention pamphlet. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Location:** US-OR

 State Plans/Progra...

## PA HB 1553

Medium Priority

**Title:** An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline telephone number on student identification card; and, in school safety and security, further providing for school safety and security coordinator.



**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-06

**Last Action Date:** Third consideration and final passage. 2024-03-25

**Summary:** The bill requires that student identification cards issued by school districts in Pennsylvania for students in grades six through twelve include a printed national, state, or local suicide prevention hotline telephone number that is available 24/7. Additionally, the school safety and security coordinator is mandated to work with the school board or equivalent personnel to display the same hotline number in multiple locations within the school entity, such as the school's website, counselor's office, and the principal's office.

**Location:** US-PA

 K-12 Schools Pennsylvania

## PA HB 1626

**Title:** An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for veterans' benefits and services workplace posting; and making an editorial change.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-18

**Last Action Date:** Laid on the table. 2024-03-18

**Summary:** This provides that the department of military affairs is tasked with developing a standardized workplace posting that employers must display. This posting can be provided directly to employers or made available on the department's website for employers to print and display in a visible location accessible to employees. This posting must include Contact information for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Crisis Line.

**Location:** US-PA

 Crisis Lines

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## RI SB 2066

High Priority

**Title:** An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals -- Community Mental Health Services (Appropriates \$1,875,000 For The Creation Of A 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention And Mental Health Crisis Hotline Within The Department Of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals (Bhddh).)

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-12

**Last Action Date:** Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (04/02/2024). 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$1,875,000 for the creation of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline within the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH).

**Location:** US-RI

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## RI SB 2871

**Title:** An Act Relating To Businesses And Professions -- Psychologists (Includes Licensed School Psychologists Under The Provisions Of The General Laws Governing The Regulations Of Psychologists And Expands The Licensing Of School Psychologists For Independent Practice.)


**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-22

**Last Action Date:** Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services. 2024-03-22

**Summary:** The bill aims to address the shortage of school psychologists in Rhode Island by expanding licensing for independent practice and creating a pipeline for licensure through the Department of Health. It emphasizes the importance of school psychologists in supporting student well-being and includes amendments to General Laws related to psychologists. These changes seek to improve the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional well-being of children and youth by increasing community access to high-quality mental and behavioral health professionals who specialize in school psychology, and psychoeducational evaluations.

**Location:** US-RI

 K-12 Schools

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## RI HB 7732

**Title:** An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Office Of State Medical Examiners (Includes Among The Responsibilities Of The Office Of State Medical Examiners, To Provide A

Multidisciplinary Team Review Of Suicide Deaths With A Goal Of Reducing Its Prevalence By Examining Trends In Demographic, Geographic And Community Risk Factors.)

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-28

**Last Action Date:** Committee recommended measure be held for further study. 2024-03-12

**Summary:** This bill seeks to amend sections related to the Office of State Medical Examiners. The main changes include adding responsibilities for the office related to the investigation of child fatalities, drug-related overdose deaths, maternal mortality, and suicide deaths. These additions entail the creation of multidisciplinary teams to review these various types of deaths, to reduce their prevalence by analyzing risk factors and making recommendations for prevention strategies. The bill specifies that the work products of these multidisciplinary teams shall be confidential and protected under applicable laws. It also mandates reporting to specific government officials on the activities, findings, and recommendations of these review teams. Additionally, the bill empowers these teams to gather information from consenting relatives of the deceased to aid in prevention and intervention strategies, with the information remaining confidential.

**Location:** US-RI

 Crisis Lines

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## SD HB 1012

**Title:** Adopt the interstate counseling licensure compact and revise educational requirements to comply with the compact.

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-09

**Last Action Date:** Signed by the Governor on February 13, 2024 H.J. 314. 2024-02-13

**Summary:** This bill proposes to adopt the interstate counseling licensure compact and revise educational requirements to comply with the compact. The additions include the requirements of an applicant for a license as a professional counselor to have received a master's or a doctoral degree in counseling from an accredited counseling program. The required number of credit hours depends on when the applicant began the program, with 48 credit hours required if the applicant started before July 1, 2024, and 60 credit hours required if the applicant started after July 1, 2024. Other requirements for licensure include passing the National Counselor Examination, completing postgraduate supervision hours, having no pending disciplinary proceedings or unresolved complaints, and being of good moral character. The bill also includes provisions for granting licenses to applicants who do not meet the requirements within the specified time limits, based on good cause, and for applicants with certain criminal convictions, if they are determined not to pose a risk to public safety.

**Location:** US-SD

## TN HB 1625

**Title:** Mental Illness - As introduced, requires a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst to warn or protect an identified victim or group of people when the professional or analyst determines that a service recipient has communicated an intent for actual threat of bodily harm; requires the professional or behavior analyst to report such threat; provides immunity from civil, criminal, and regulatory liability for a professional or analyst who takes reasonable action to warn or protect identified victims or groups and to report such threat . - Amends TCA Section 33-3-206.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-19

**Last Action Date:** Passed Senate as amended, Ayes 30, Nays 0. 2024-03-28

**Summary:** This bill specifies a mental health professional or behavior analyst must take action if a service recipient communicates an intent for bodily harm against an identified victim or a group of people. The professional must use their reasonable skill, knowledge, and care to determine if the threat is credible and if the service recipient has the apparent ability to carry out the harm. If these conditions are met, the professional must take reasonable care to warn or protect the identified victim or group of people and report the threat to local law enforcement or crisis response services. The bill also includes provisions to protect mental health professionals who act following these requirements, stating that they will not be liable for damages in civil actions, subject to criminal prosecution, or subject to disciplinary action by a regulatory board.

**Description:** Present law requires that if, and only if, a service recipient has communicated to a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst an actual threat of bodily harm against a clearly identified victim, and the professional, using reasonable skill, knowledge, and care ordinarily possessed and exercised by the professional's specialty under similar circumstances, has determined or reasonably should have determined that the service recipient has the apparent ability to commit such an act and is likely to carry out the threat unless prevented from doing so, then the professional is required to take reasonable care to predict, warn of, or take precautions to protect the identified victim from the service recipient's violent behavior. This bill requires that if, and only if, a service recipient has communicated to a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst an intent for actual threat of bodily harm against a clearly identified victim, or an intent for actual threat of bodily harm against a group of people, including, but not limited to, students at a day care or school, people at a place of worship, and members of the service recipient's family, and the qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst, using the reasonable skill, knowledge, and care ordinarily possessed and exercised by the professional's or analyst's specialty under similar circumstances, has determined or reasonably should have determined that the service recipient has the apparent ability to commit such an act, then the professional or analyst is required to do the following: (1) The professional or analyst must take reasonable care to warn of or take precautions to protect the identified victim or

group of people from the service recipient's violent behavior; and (2) The professional or analyst must report the threat to either the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the municipality or county of residence of the service recipient, or, if the threat is general and not imminent or clearly identified, the local crisis response service. This bill provides that a professional or analyst who acts or makes a reasonable attempt to act in accordance with this bill is not liable for damages in a civil action, subject to prosecution in a criminal proceeding, or subject to disciplinary action by a regulatory board for such act or reasonable attempt to act. ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024, THE HOUSE ADOPTED AMENDMENT #1 AND PASSED HOUSE BILL 1625, AS AMENDED. AMENDMENT #1 adds that the qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst must not only determine, or reasonably should have determined, that the service recipient has the apparent ability to commit such an act, but that the service recipient is also likely to carry out the threat unless prevented from doing so. ON MARCH 28, 2024, THE SENATE SUBSTITUTED HOUSE BILL 1625 FOR SENATE BILL 1673, ADOPTED AMENDMENT #1, AND PASSED HOUSE BILL 1625, AS AMENDED. AMENDMENT #1 adds that inpatient hospitalization of the service recipient discharges the duty to warn imposed on a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst by state law.

**Location:** US-TN

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## TN HB 2555

**Title:** Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of - As introduced, creates the behavioral health crisis intervention services board to provide oversight and input on the development of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system in this state; imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on certain telephone services; creates the behavioral health crisis intervention services fund to receive the surcharge funds. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 7; Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-30

**Last Action Date:** Taken off notice for cal in s/c Health Subcommittee of Health Committee. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This bill establishes the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Board, tasked with overseeing and contributing to the establishment of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system within the state. Additionally, the legislation imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on specific telephone services. To manage these surcharge funds, the bill creates the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund.

**Description:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES As of January 31, 2025, this bill requires the department of health ("department"), in collaboration with the department of mental health and substance abuse services, to administer the provision of

behavioral health crisis intervention services in this state. The department, in collaboration with the department of mental health and substance abuse services, must establish operational standards, procedures, and protocols to administer the provision of behavioral health crisis intervention services in this state. The department may employ individuals qualified by appropriate ability, education, and experience to administer the provision of crisis intervention services in this state.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES BOARD**

As of January 31, 2025, this bill creates in the department a behavioral health crisis intervention services board and places the board in sunset review in 2027. The board must do the following: (1) Develop and recommend a comprehensive statewide behavioral health crisis intervention services plan and annually review and update the recommended plan. The board must submit the recommended plan no later than December 31, 2024, and by each December 31 thereafter, to the governor, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian; (2) Within three years of the initial convening of the board, and every three years thereafter, review the provision of crisis intervention services in this state, the system of care of crisis intervention services in this state, and the crisis intervention services needs of residents of this state, and make a written report of the board's findings and recommendations. The board must submit the report not later than December 31 of each year that it is due to the governor, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian; and (3) Report on each expenditure made under the fund in the previous fiscal year and to what extent the expenditure accomplished the intended purpose of the expenditure and make recommendations, consistent with the purposes for expenditures under this part, for appropriating moneys expected to be received in the next fiscal year. The board must submit the recommendations no later than December 31, 2024, and by December 31 each year thereafter, to the governor, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian. This bill provides that the board is composed of the following 11 members: (i) the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee, (ii) the commissioner of commerce and insurance, or the commissioner's designee, (iii) the president of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, or the president's designee, (iv) the director of the department of mental health and substance abuse services, or the director's designee; (v) the director of TennCare, or the director's designee, (vi) three members, appointed by the governor, each of whom is either a current director of an emergency communications district or a current member of an emergency communications district board of directors at the time of their appointment, who must each reside in a separate grand division of the state, (vii) one member, appointed by the governor, who is a qualified mental health professional who provides crisis intervention services, (viii) one member, appointed by the governor, who is a representative of a behavioral health treatment program providing crisis intervention services; and (ix) one member, appointed by the governor, who is a certified peer recovery specialist. This bill provides that initial appointments must be staggered. Members must not be selected to serve on the board for more than two successive terms. This bill requires the board to elect a chair and other officers as it may deem necessary and appropriate. The



officers must be elected for two-year terms. The board must meet quarterly, and at the call of the chair. A quorum consists of six or more members; and all official action of the board requires a quorum. Any member of the board who fails to attend at least 50 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings of the board within any 12-month period must automatically be removed from the board and a successor member must be appointed by the appointing authority to serve out the remaining term of the member being replaced.

**FUND** This bill creates a fund within the state treasury, known as the "Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund," to support the operation and maintenance of the behavioral health crisis intervention services system known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, and the continuum of behavioral health services. The board must administer the fund, and all expenditures from the fund are subject to review and audit by the comptroller of the treasury. This bill provides that moneys in the fund may be expended for (i) establishing, operating, maintaining, and improving 988 or crisis intervention services; (ii) establishing, operating, or contracting for crisis teams; (iii) recruiting and retaining qualified personnel; (iv) providing specialized training related to serving at-risk communities; (v) raising public awareness of 988, behavioral health crisis intervention services available in this state, and education on behavioral health conditions; (vi) data collection and analysis, reporting, evaluation participation, and related quality improvement activities; (vii) administration, oversight, and evaluation of the fund; and (viii) reimbursement of money appropriated by the general assembly to implement this part.

**SURCHARGES ON RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, AND WIRELESS SERVICE** This bill provides the fund must be funded by means of a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge of 60 cents per month imposed by providers on subscribers of telecommunications services in this state. The surcharge must be imposed by (i) each provider providing residential telephone service on all residential subscribers per residence exchange access line in this state, (ii) each provider providing business telephone service on all business subscribers per business exchange access line in this state, (iii) each wireless provider on all wireless service customers for each wireless telephone number for which the wireless service customers are billed by the provider, and (iv) each provider of nontraditional communications service on subscribers of such services where the provider is required to or opts to provide 988 service. This bill requires a provider to impose the surcharge on the person purchasing the service and to collect the surcharge on behalf of this state. The surcharge collected by a provider is not subject to taxes or charges levied by the state, or any political subdivision of the state, and the surcharge is not considered revenue of the provider for any purpose. Each provider imposing the surcharge must state the surcharge as a clearly identifiable, separate item on all subscriber invoices rendered on or after the effective date of this bill. The surcharge does not apply to wholesale services or to a state government entity. This bill requires the surcharge to be collected by providers from subscribers to telecommunications service with each invoice for service and must be paid by providers on a monthly basis to the department of finance and administration no later than the last day of the month following the surcharge's collection. The surcharge must be deposited into the fund on a monthly basis and must be used to support the implementation and long-term solvency of behavioral health crisis intervention services in this state, as well as reasonable and necessary administrative and operational expenses of



the board and fund. Each provider collecting the surcharge is entitled to recover the actual incremental costs of billing, collecting, and remitting the surcharge. However, a provider collecting the surcharge is not responsible for uncollectable surcharges. Each provider collecting the surcharge is fulfilling a governmental function and in so doing is immune from suit for damages of any kind and is not liable for refunds except to the extent that the provider has failed to collect or remit surcharges to the fund. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES PLAN This bill requires the board to develop and recommend a plan for establishing, operating, and maintaining a behavioral health crisis communications center, which must receive calls from individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis or persons requesting assistance for an individual in crisis, provide appropriate crisis intervention services, deliver quality coordination of behavioral health crisis care, and conduct follow-up to ensure appropriate connection to treatment and services. The plan must include recommendations as described in the bill. RULEMAKING This bill authorizes the department, in collaboration with the department of finance and administration, to promulgate rules to effectuate this bill.

**Location:** US-TN

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## UT HB 2

**Title:** New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-26

**Last Action Date:** Governor Line Item Veto. 2024-03-21

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It appropriates a one-time funding g of \$22,186,800 for the Department of Health and Human Services from General Fund Restricted to the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Response Account. It also allocates \$27,776,100 for Non-Medicaid Behavioral Health Treatment and Crisis Response.

**Location:** US-UT

 State Budgets

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## UT HB 71

**Title:** Behavioral Health Crisis Response Modifications

**Current Status:** Enacted


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16


**Last Action Date:** Governor Signed. 2024-03-21


**Summary:** This bill addresses modifications to the behavioral health crisis response system. It provides for the award of grants for the development of mobile crisis outreach teams and

rural behavioral health receiving centers. The bill does not appropriate any money. Specifically, the bill allows the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission to provide recommendations and the division to award grants for the development of up to five mobile crisis outreach teams.

**Location:** US-UT

 Mobile Crisis

 Re summarized Bills

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## UT SB 3

**Title:** Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-26

**Last Action Date:** Governor Signed. 2024-03-20

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It appropriates a one-time funding g of \$8,000,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services from General Fund Restricted to the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Response Account. It also allocates \$84,861,200 for Non-Medicaid Behavioral Health Treatment and Crisis Response.

**Location:** US-UT

 State Budgets

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## UT SB 46

**Title:** Health and Human Services Amendments

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16

**Last Action Date:** Senate/ enrolled bill to Printing. 2024-03-14

**Summary:** This bill seeks to clarify and amend portions of the code that impact the Department of Health and Human Services in the state of Utah. The bill includes technical and corresponding amendments, as well as the repeal of certain provisions that are no longer necessary following a 2023 recodification.

**Location:** US-UT

 Crisis Lines

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 Crisis Continuum

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## UT SB 27

**Title:** Behavioral Health System Amendments

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16

**Last Action Date:** Governor Signed. 2024-03-14

**Summary:** This bill outlines the responsibilities and focus areas of the Utah Behavioral Health Commission, particularly concerning the statewide mental health crisis response system. The commission is tasked with overseeing various components, such as the statewide mental health crisis line, mobile crisis outreach teams, and resource centers. They are to address issues like interoperability partnerships, standards for crisis outreach teams, and policy considerations regarding the management and funding of the behavioral health system. Overall, the commission's efforts aim to improve the behavioral health crisis response system, with implications for public safety, including coordination with 911 services, mobile crisis teams, and diversion strategies from hospitals and jails.

**Location:** US-UT

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## UT HB 413

**Title:** Student Mental Health Amendments

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-26

**Last Action Date:** Governor Signed. 2024-03-12

**Summary:** This bill amends the student mental health screening program in the state. The bill requires local education agencies (LEAs) to determine their participation in the program and provide instructions on how to distribute funds. The state board will distribute funds to LEAs to provide targeted school-based mental health support, including clinical services and trauma-informed care. The state board will develop a formula to distribute money to LEAs, incentivizing them to provide school-based mental health support in collaboration with the local mental health authority. To qualify for funding, LEAs must submit a plan with measurable goals on improving student safety, engagement, school climate, or academic achievement. The state board will establish procedures for submitting and distributing money, the formula to use, and annual reporting requirements. The bill takes effect on May 1, 2024. The state board will distribute 90% of available funds to participating LEAs based on the previous year's average daily membership count, with the remaining 10% distributed on an as-needed basis.

**Location:** US-UT

## VA HB 601

Medium Priority

**Title:** Health insurance; patient access to emergency services, mobile crisis response services.

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-09

**Last Action Date:** Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 199 (effective 7/1/24). 2024-03-28

**Summary:** This legislation expands the scope of emergency services related to emergency medical conditions. It includes a screening examination, along with ancillary services, conducted by a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a behavioral health crisis service provider. Additionally, the bill extends the locations for mobile crisis response services and support to include crisis receiving centers, making these services eligible for coverage under health insurance. The aim is to ensure a comprehensive response to behavioral health crises and the stabilization of patients.

**Description:** Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services. Provides that emergency services, with respect to an emergency medical condition, include, as it relates to any mental health services or substance abuse services rendered at a behavioral health crisis service provider, (i) a behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of a behavioral health crisis service provider, including ancillary services routinely available to evaluate such emergency medical condition, and (ii) such further examination and treatment, to the extent that they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the behavioral health crisis service provider, as are required so that the patient's condition does not deteriorate. This bill is identical to SB 543.

**Location:** US-VA

## VA HB 163

Medium Priority

**Title:** Higher educational institutions, public; student identification cards, emergency services website.

**Current Status:** Enacted


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-02

**Last Action Date:** Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 176 (effective 7/1/24). 2024-03-28

**Summary:** This bill mandates that all student identification cards issued by public higher education institutions must include emergency service and crisis resource contact information. This requirement specifies the inclusion of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, local law enforcement, fire department, and emergency medical services pertinent to the institution's location. Additionally, it necessitates the presence of campus security departments, emergency medical services, student health services, and sexual assault crisis center contact details, including the National Sexual Assault Hotline.

**Description:** Public institutions of higher education; student identification cards; emergency services website page and telephone numbers. Requires each public institution of higher education to maintain and annually update as necessary to ensure accuracy and currency a website page that includes telephone numbers for certain emergency services enumerated in the bill and to include (i) the URL of such website page on each new digital student identification card and any replacement digital student identification card issued by the institution beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year and (ii) the URL of or a QR Code that directs to such website page on each new physical student identification card and any replacement physical student identification card issued by the institution beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year.

**Location:** US-VA

 Higher Education

 Virginia

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## VA HB 29 Medium Priority

**Title:** Budget Bill.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-20

**Last Action Date:** Senate: Signed by President. 2024-03-26

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates funds for the Department of Medical Assistance Services, with specific amounts designated for the first and second years. The aim is to increase rates by 12.5% for various healthcare services effective from July 1, 2022. The services include adult day health care, consumer-directed facilitation services, crisis supervision, stabilization, and support services, transition coordinator services, mental health and early intervention case management services, and community behavioral health and habilitation services. The bill also provides that from January 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services will raise rates by 10% for several Medicaid-funded community-based services. These services include Comprehensive Crisis Services, which encompass various crisis stabilization and intervention programs. From this appropriation, \$58,000,000 from the general fund in the second year will be allocated to expand and

modernize the comprehensive crisis services system. This includes investment in additional crisis receiving centers, crisis stabilization units, and improvements to existing sites. Any leftover funds at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to the following fiscal year for the same purpose. From this allocation, \$6,148,128 will be provided in both the first and second years from the general fund for mental health services targeted at children and adolescents experiencing serious emotional disturbances, at risk for such disturbances, or with co-occurring disorders. This appropriation allocates \$17,701,997 for both the first and second years from the general fund to offer emergency services, crisis stabilization services, case management, and both inpatient and outpatient mental health services. From this allocation, \$2,000,000 will be utilized in both the first and second years from the general fund for crisis stabilization and associated services statewide. These services aim to postpone or prevent placement in a state mental health facility. Additionally, \$8,400,000 in the first year and \$12,600,000 in the second year from the general fund will be allocated to offer child psychiatry and children's crisis response services. These services are dedicated to assisting children with mental health and behavioral disorders. From this appropriation, \$2,000,000 in the first year and \$9,000,000 in the second year from the general fund will support Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Centers or Crisis Stabilization Units. Finally, \$2,000,000 will be allocated in the first year and \$3,000,000 in the second year to the Department of Health to sustain funding for substance misuse and suicide prevention initiatives.

**Description:** Budget Bill. Amends Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, Special Session I, as amended by Chapter 769 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, as further amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, Special Session I,

**Location:** US-VA

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## VA HB 30 Medium Priority

**Title:** Budget Bill.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-20

**Last Action Date:** House: Signed by Speaker. 2024-03-26

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. \$500,000 from the general fund will be allocated in each of the first and second years for a comprehensive statewide suicide prevention program. Furthermore, \$5,000,000 in the first year and \$5,000,000 in the second year from the general fund are designated to establish a program aimed at preventing and intervening in suicide and opiate addiction among service members, veterans, and their families in the Commonwealth. It also allocates \$2,171,214 in the first year and \$2,171,214 in the second year from the Crisis Call Center Fund, which is designated for covering expenses related to the establishment and operation of the 988 Crisis Call Center. The bill also provides that from July 1, 2022, the Department of Medical Assistance Services has the authority to raise rates

by 12.5% compared to the rates before July 1, 2021, for various services including crisis supervision, crisis stabilization, and crisis support services, mental health and early intervention case management services, and community behavioral health etc. Additionally, from January 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services will raise rates by 10 percent for specific Medicaid-funded community-based services, namely Comprehensive Crisis Services, which encompass 23-hour Crisis Stabilization, Community Stabilization, Crisis Intervention, Mobile Crisis Response, and Residential Crisis Stabilization. Moreover, \$72,812,350 from the general fund will be allocated in the first year, and \$42,448,718 in the second year, to enhance and modernize the comprehensive crisis services system. \$6,148,128 from the general fund will be allocated in both the first and second years for mental health services targeting children and adolescents facing serious emotional disturbances, those at risk for such disturbances, and those with co-occurring disorders. \$12,600,000 in the first year and \$12,600,000 in the second year from the general fund will be utilized to offer child psychiatry and children's crisis response services for those experiencing mental health and behavioral disorders. This appropriation also allocates \$17,701,997 in the first year and \$17,701,997 in the second year from the general fund for emergency services, crisis stabilization services, case management, and both inpatient and outpatient mental health services. Finally, from this appropriation, \$9,000,000 will be allocated from the general fund in both the first and second years for the expenses related to Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Centers or Crisis Stabilization Units. These centers aim to expand or have plans to expand, into 23-hour crisis receiving or observation centers.

**Description:** Budget Bill. Provides for all appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia in accordance with the provisions of [§ 2.2-1509](#) of the Code of Virginia, and provides a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June 2025 and the thirtieth day of June 2026.

**Location:** US-VA

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## VA SB 543

Medium Priority

**Title:** Health insurance; patient access to emergency services, mobile crisis response services.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-10

**Last Action Date:** Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2024. 2024-03-11

**Summary:** This legislation expands the scope of emergency services related to emergency medical conditions. It includes a screening examination, along with ancillary services, provided by a licensed behavioral health crisis service provider. Additionally, the bill specifies that further examination and treatment necessary for stabilizing the patient are considered part of emergency services. Furthermore, crisis-receiving centers are now

designated locations eligible for mobile crisis response services, making these services eligible for health insurance coverage.

**Description:** Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services.

Provides that emergency services, with respect to an emergency medical condition, include, as it relates to any mental health services or substance abuse services rendered at a behavioral health crisis service provider, (i) a behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of a behavioral health crisis service provider, including ancillary services routinely available to evaluate such emergency medical condition, and (ii) such further examination and treatment, to the extent that they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the behavioral health crisis service provider, as are required so that the patient's condition does not deteriorate. This bill is identical to HB 601.

**Location:** US-VA

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## VA SB 29

High Priority

**Title:** Budget Bill.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-20

**Last Action Date:** House: Left in Appropriations. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. It allocates funds for the Department of Medical Assistance Services, with specific amounts designated for the first and second years. The aim is to increase rates by 12.5% for various healthcare services effective from July 1, 2022. The services include adult day health care, consumer-directed facilitation services, crisis supervision, stabilization, and support services, transition coordinator services, mental health and early intervention case management services, and community behavioral health and habilitation services. The bill also provides that from January 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services will raise rates by 10% for several Medicaid-funded community-based services. These services include Comprehensive Crisis Services, which encompass various crisis stabilization and intervention programs. From this appropriation, \$58,000,000 from the general fund in the second year will be allocated to expand and modernize the comprehensive crisis services system. This includes investment in additional crisis receiving centers, crisis stabilization units, and improvements to existing sites. Any leftover funds at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to the following fiscal year for the same purpose. From this allocation, \$6,148,128 will be provided in both the first and second years from the general fund for mental health services targeted at children and adolescents experiencing serious emotional disturbances, at risk for such disturbances, or with co-occurring disorders. This appropriation allocates \$17,701,997 for both the first and second years from the general fund to offer emergency services, crisis stabilization services, case management, and both inpatient and outpatient mental health services. From this allocation, \$2,000,000 will be utilized in both the first and second years from the general



fund for crisis stabilization and associated services statewide. These services aim to postpone or prevent placement in a state mental health facility. Additionally, \$8,400,000 in the first year and \$12,600,000 in the second year from the general fund will be allocated to offer child psychiatry and children's crisis response services. These services are dedicated to assisting children with mental health and behavioral disorders. From this appropriation, \$2,000,000 in the first year and \$9,000,000 in the second year from the general fund will support Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Centers or Crisis Stabilization Units. Finally, \$2,000,000 will be allocated in the first year and \$3,000,000 in the second year to the Department of Health to sustain funding for substance misuse and suicide prevention initiatives.

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**Location:** US-VA

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## VA SB 30

High Priority

**Title:** Budget Bill.


**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-20

**Last Action Date:** House: Left in Appropriations. 2024-03-05

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. \$500,000 from the general fund will be allocated in each of the first and second years for a comprehensive statewide suicide prevention program. Furthermore, \$5,000,000 in the first year and \$5,000,000 in the second year from the general fund are designated to establish a program aimed at preventing and intervening in suicide and opiate addiction among service members, veterans, and their families in the Commonwealth. It also allocates \$2,171,214 in the first year and \$2,171,214 in the second year from the Crisis Call Center Fund are designated for covering expenses related to the establishment and operation of the 988 Crisis Call Center. The bill also provides that from July 1, 2022, the Department of Medical Assistance Services has the authority to raise rates by 12.5% compared to the rates before July 1, 2021, for various services including crisis supervision, crisis stabilization, and crisis support services, mental health and early intervention case management services, and community behavioral health etc. Additionally, from January 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services will raise rates by 10 percent for specific Medicaid-funded community-based services, namely Comprehensive Crisis Services, which encompass 23-hour Crisis Stabilization, Community Stabilization, Crisis Intervention, Mobile Crisis Response, and Residential Crisis Stabilization. Moreover, \$72,812,350 from the general fund will be allocated in the first year, and \$42,448,718 in the second year, to enhance and modernize the comprehensive crisis services system. \$6,148,128 from the general fund will be allocated in both the first and second years for

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**Location:** US-VA

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## VA SB 229

Medium Priority

**Title:** Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention, Advisory Council on; placement of Council.

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-09

**Last Action Date:** House: Continued to 2025 in Rules by voice vote. 2024-02-23

**Summary:** The bill establishes the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention to advise the State Health Commissioner on the regulations and infrastructure necessary to support clinical access. The help is given for provider training for the use of rapid-acting therapies that have been granted Breakthrough Therapy designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder, or treatment-resistant depression and whose active ingredients are currently controlled under Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act.

**Description:** Health Commissioner; workgroup; recommendations on Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention. Directs the State Health Commissioner to establish a work group to examine the feasibility of and make recommendations for the placement and infrastructure of an Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention.

**Location:** US-VA

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## VT H 657

**Title:** An act relating to the modernization of Vermont's communications taxes and fees

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-05

**Last Action Date:** Rep. [Sims of Craftsbury] moved to postpone action until [4/02/2024], which was agreed to. 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This bill proposes to modernize Vermont's communications taxes and fees to be more competitively neutral and to provide a financial structure that equitably and sustainably finances public benefits related to communications networks in the State.

**Location:** US-VT

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## VT H 883

**Title:** An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-26

**Last Action Date:** Read third time and passed. 2024-03-29

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. By January 15, 2025, the Department of Public Safety is required to submit a report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. This report should include measurable outcomes of the embedded mental health worker program, broken down by barrack, and details on collaboration with the Department of Mental Health to achieve a coordinated system of care, particularly regarding integration with 988, the statewide Mobile Crisis Response program, and designated specialized service agencies.

**Location:** US-VT

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## WA HB 1889

**Title:** Allowing persons to receive professional licenses and certifications regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-06


**Last Action Date:** Effective date 7/1/2024.. 2024-03-13

**Summary:** The bill makes an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States is eligible for a professional license, commercial license, certificate, permit, or registration as allowed under Title 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621. A state agency or regulatory authority will not deny an application for a professional license, commercial license, certificate, permit, or registration solely on the basis of a person's immigration or citizenship status if the person has met all other qualifications. An individual's taxpayer identification number can be submitted in lieu of a social security number for licensure application.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 6251

**Title:** Coordinating regional behavioral crisis response and suicide prevention services.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-16

**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** The bill builds upon previously passed Washington law in both HB 1134 and SB 5853 (2023), by establishing behavioral health administrative services organizations as the lead role in coordinating the behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system within each regional service area, and responsible for establishing a comprehensive plan for dispatching mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams. The bill also provides data amends language regarding data governance and data sharing rules between 988 Contact Hubs, state agencies, and behavioral health administrative services organizations.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 6308

**Title:** Extending timelines for implementation of the 988 system.

**Current Status:** Passed House


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-29


**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill extends deadlines for the development of the new technologically advanced behavioral health and suicide prevention crisis call center system platform, as well for the crisis response improvement strategy committee.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 5660

**Title:** Establishing a mental health advance directive effective implementation work group; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

**Current Status:** Passed House


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-08

**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill provides a mental health advance directive effective implementation work group to develop recommendations for the effective implementation of mental health advance directives. The group's findings and recommendations should be reported by December 1, 2023.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 5950

**Title:** Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-03

**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This includes an appropriation of \$17,870,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line account for the development of a technologically advanced behavioral health and suicide prevention crisis call center system platform for use in 988 contact hubs.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA HB 2408

**Title:** Concerning methods of communication used by the technology platform designed for the behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system.

**Current Status:** Sine Die - Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-17


**Last Action Date:** By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill relates to methods of communication used by the technology platform designed for the behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system. It specifies that the platform must be capable of allowing any crisis line dedicated to the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native persons to receive crisis assistance requests through phone calls, texts, chats, and other similar methods of communication to the same extent that those capacities are available for the 988 crisis hotline.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA HB 2245

**Title:** Establishing co-response services and training as an essential component of the crisis care continuum.

**Current Status:** Sine Die - Failed


**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-09


**Last Action Date:** By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.. 2024-03-07


**Summary:** This bill establishes co-response services and training as an essential component of the crisis continuum. The bill recognizes that there is a need for high acuity first response services for people in crisis as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and state crisis response systems develop. The bill establishes a pilot program to administer a co-response training program at the University of Washington, which shall explore the development of a credential for licensure of behavioral health co-responders. The University of Washington is authorized to provide grants to small and rural co-response programs for staff to attend trainings. The University of Washington shall also develop and pilot a statewide internal peer support program for co-response professionals that have faced life-threatening and traumatic incidents while on the job. Definitions for co-response are added to existing RCWs. February 9, 2024 Update This adds a provision stating that the certification for n co-response best practice is optional and may not serve as an additional requirement for


licensure for first responders or licensed human services professionals. It also includes that, if specific funding for this act is not provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 5943

**Title:** Developing a resource data tool to connect Washington residents to services and resources.

**Current Status:** Sine Die - Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-02

**Last Action Date:** By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.. 2024-03-07

**Summary:** This bill proposes conducting a feasibility study to develop a resource data tool in Washington State to connect residents to services and resources. The purpose is to provide a quick and seamless digital way for residents to access a variety of existing services, such as social, behavioral health, and housing services. The feasibility study will be conducted by the Department in collaboration with an advisory group composed of experts, interested parties, individuals with lived experience receiving public benefits, and other stakeholders. The study will examine the need for a mobile application and web portal, as well as consider language access, alternative communication options, and equitable access for individuals with disabilities or limited internet access. The feasibility study must be completed and submitted to the governor and appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2024. The advisory group will be dissolved upon the expiration of this section, which is also December 1, 2024.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA SB 5853

**Title:** Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-15


**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-06

**Summary:** This bill relates to extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors. It grants peace officers the authority to take or authorize the custody of a minor who is believed to be suffering from a behavioral health disorder, posing an imminent risk of serious harm, or is gravely disabled. The minor can be delivered to various facilities, including crisis stabilization units, 23-hour crisis relief centers, evaluation and treatment facilities, secure withdrawal management and stabilization facilities, approved substance use disorder treatment programs, or the emergency department of a local hospital.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA HB 2088

**Title:** Extending liability protections for responders dispatched from mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-03


**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-01

**Summary:** This bill ensures that individuals or entities involved in providing crisis stabilization services, including intervention, outreach, de-escalation, and follow-up support to individuals in behavioral health crises, won't be held liable for any act or omission. This immunity extends to staff of mobile rapid response or community-based crisis teams, crisis stabilization units, or relief centers, as well as public, private, or tribal agency officers and their staff, and employees of government or contracted behavioral health agencies. Additionally, it covers acts or omissions during the transport of patients to behavioral health services or crisis-related facilities.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WA HB 2256

**Title:** Addressing the children and youth behavioral health work group.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-01-10

**Last Action Date:** Delivered to Governor.. 2024-03-01



**Summary:** This bill amends provisions relating to the children and youth behavioral health work group in Washington state by a) adding the purpose to strengthen and improve a systemic approach to providing high-quality, equitable, and well-resourced behavioral health care and supports to all children, youth, and their families, b) appointing Three youth or young adult representatives who have experience with behavioral health issues to the work group, c) adding a goal of work group to achieve equal coverage for behavioral health conditions in private health insurance with other health conditions.

**Location:** US-WA

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## WI AB 1154 Medium Priority

**Title:** grants for crisis intervention teams and making an appropriation. (FE)

**Current Status:** In Assembly

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-06

**Last Action Date:** Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs. 2024-03-06

**Summary:** This bill proposes providing \$1,000,000 for the Department of Health Services to award grants to counties, cities, towns, villages, and American Indian tribes or bands in Wisconsin for the staffing of law enforcement agencies with mental health crisis intervention teams in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. It aims to enhance mental health crisis response by law enforcement agencies. Currently, the Department of Health Services must award grants totaling \$1,000,000 in each fiscal biennium for mental health crisis intervention team training for law enforcement agencies and correctional officers.

**Description:** An Act

**Location:** US-WI

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## WY HB 1

**Title:** General government appropriations.

**Current Status:** Enacted

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-09

**Last Action Date:** Assigned Chapter Number 118. 2024-03-22

**Summary:** This is an appropriations bill. Out of the general fund allocation, \$227,852 becomes effective on July 1, 2025. The legislature intends for this allocation, designated for a 988 program manager, to be doubled and incorporated into the standard budget of the Department of Health for the following fiscal biennium. Out of the general fund allocation,


\$958,695 takes effect on July 1, 2025. The legislature's intention is for this allocation, designated for 988 operations, to be doubled and integrated into the standard budget of the Department of Health for the following fiscal biennium.

**Description:** AN ACT to make appropriations for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026; providing definitions; providing for appropriations and transfers of funds for the period of the budget and for the remainder of the current biennium ending June 30, 2024 as specified; providing for carryover of certain funds beyond the biennium as specified; providing for employee positions as specified; providing for duties, terms and conditions and other requirements relating to appropriations for the remainder of the current biennium ending June 30, 2024 and the period of the budget as specified; providing for position and other budgetary limitations; authorizing rulemaking; authorizing a charter school; providing appropriations for purposes related to state funded capital construction; creating accounts; amending existing law by redirecting revenues for the period of the budget; making conforming amendments; amending and repealing prior appropriations; providing for reports related to appropriations; continuing an account; amending and repealing prior appropriations of COVID-19 relief funds; specifying conditions on the appropriation and expenditure of COVID-19 relief funds; and providing for effective dates.

**Location:** US-WY

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## WY SF 132

**Title:** American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments-4.

**Current Status:** Passed House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-14

**Last Action Date:** S postponed indefinitely. 2024-03-08

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$2,100,000 toward Suicide Prevention. Additionally, \$7,000,000 is appropriated for grants to community mental health centers regional crisis stabilization facilities, and women's substance use disorder facilities.

**Description:** AN ACT relating to the emergency expenses of government; providing definitions; providing appropriations; amending and repealing prior appropriations of COVID-19 relief funds; specifying conditions on the appropriation and expenditure of COVID-19 relief funds; amending prior conditions on the reduction and prioritization of COVID-19 relief funds; providing for the reversion of unexpended and unobligated funds; authorizing emergency government programs; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reporting; specifying applicability; providing for priority of appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

## WY HB 186

**Title:** 988 hotline-appropriation.

**Current Status:** Sine Die - Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-13

**Last Action Date:** H COW:H Did not consider for COW. 2024-02-23

**Summary:** This bill makes an appropriation of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) from the general fund to the 988 system trust fund account. The appropriation is subject to the requirements of W.S. 35-25-506 and must be used only for the specified purposes.

**Description:** AN ACT relating to public programs; making an appropriation to the 988 system trust fund account as specified; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

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## WY HB 144

**Title:** Suicide awareness and prevention license plate.

**Current Status:** Sine Die - Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-09

**Last Action Date:** H COW:H Did not consider for COW. 2024-02-23

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the issuance of specially designed license plates in Wyoming to increase suicide awareness and prevention. Any person registering a vehicle in Wyoming can apply to the Department of Transportation for eligibility for these license plates, upon payment of a fee of \$150 plus any additional voluntary amount to promote suicide awareness and prevention. The annual fee to retain eligibility for the plates is \$50. The fees collected will be distributed to the 988 system trust fund account for use in suicide prevention. The design of the license plates will be determined by the Department of Transportation and may include a slogan and distinctive symbol to increase suicide awareness. The plates will be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates starting in 2033. If less than 500 sets of plates are issued by December 31, 2033, production of the plates will be eliminated. The bill also amends a section relating to the loss, mutilation, or destruction of registration, license plates, or validation stickers.


**Description:** AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates; authorizing specially designed license plates to be issued to increase suicide awareness and prevention; specifying requirements; authorizing fees; providing for the termination of the issuance of the special

plates; requiring a report upon termination; authorizing rulemaking; making a conforming amendment; specifying availability; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

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## WY HB 191

**Title:** American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments-3.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-13

**Last Action Date:** H Did not Consider for Introduction. 2024-02-16

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$2,100,000 toward Suicide Prevention. Additionally, \$7,000,000 is appropriated for grants to community mental health centers regional crisis stabilization facilities, and women's substance use disorder facilities.

**Description:** AN ACT relating to the emergency expenses of government; providing definitions; providing appropriations; amending and repealing prior appropriations of COVID-19 relief funds; specifying conditions on the appropriation and expenditure of COVID-19 relief funds; amending prior conditions on the reduction and prioritization of COVID-19 relief funds; providing for the reversion of unexpended and unobligated funds; authorizing emergency government programs; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reporting; specifying applicability; providing for priority of appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

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## WY HB 217

**Title:** American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments-2.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-14

**Last Action Date:** H Did not Consider for Introduction. 2024-02-16

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$2,100,000 toward Suicide Prevention. Additionally, \$7,000,000 is appropriated for grants to community mental health centers regional crisis stabilization facilities, and women's substance use disorder facilities.

**Description:** AN ACT relating to the emergency expenses of government; providing definitions; providing appropriations; amending and repealing prior appropriations of COVID-19 relief funds; specifying conditions on the appropriation and expenditure of COVID-19 relief funds; amending prior conditions on the reduction and prioritization of COVID-19 relief funds;

providing for the reversion of unexpended and unobligated funds; authorizing emergency government programs; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reporting; specifying applicability; providing for priority of appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

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## WY HB 118

**Title:** American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments.

**Current Status:** Failed

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-06


**Last Action Date:** H Failed Introduction 37-23-2-0-0. 2024-02-12

**Summary:** This bill appropriates \$7,000,000 to provide grants to community mental health center regional crisis stabilization facilities and women's substance use disorder facilities.

**Description:** AN ACT relating to the emergency expenses of government; providing definitions; providing appropriations; amending and repealing prior appropriations of COVID-19 relief funds; specifying conditions on the appropriation and expenditure of COVID-19 relief funds; amending prior conditions on the reduction and prioritization of COVID-19 relief funds; providing for the reversion of unexpended and unobligated funds; authorizing emergency government programs; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reporting; specifying applicability; providing for priority of appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

**Location:** US-WY

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