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## **Legislative Update # 11**

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Below are few other recently published bills that may be of interest:

[HB-6532](#) AN ACT APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING

[HB-6539](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE HOLDERS AND PRETRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[HB-6557](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING.

[SB-2](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.

[SB-102](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAMS.

[SB-957](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO IN-HOME COUNSELING

[SB-960](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PRETRIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[SB-981](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Below are several bills that are being heard that may impact the behavioral health community. For ease of reference these bills are listed below by hearing date with the committee noted after the bill title. To testify on bills in person via Zoom or in writing please follow the committee process contained in the [Legislative Bulletin](#).

### **March 8th**

[HB-6557](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING. (Education)

[SB-102](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAMS. (Public Health)

[SB-330](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS. (Public Health)

**March 9th**

[SB-2](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN. (KID)

**March 10th**

[HB-5318](#) AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO CONVICTED FELONS WHO ARE ON PAROLE. (GAE)

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

[SB-981](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS. (Human Services)

[SB-957](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO IN-HOME COUNSELING. (Human Services)

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