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I am continuing to review and track proposals that are of interest to the behavioral health community. Over the course of this week I will send out several updates highlighting the proposals. Below are some Senate proposals of note with hyperlinks to aid in ease of review:

Proposed [SB-183](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Proposed [SB-187](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SOLICITATIONS FROM OUT-OF-STATE RETAILERS OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS NOT LEGALLY FOR SALE IN CONNECTICUT.

Proposed [SB-194](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO HOUSING.

Proposed [SB-195](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Proposed [SB-196](#) AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Proposed [SB-197](#) AN ACT INCREASING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-198](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR HOSPITALS THAT OFFER IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION.

Proposed [SB-205](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUCH SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-217](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARITY.

Proposed [SB-219](#) AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE'S RED FLAG LAW.

Proposed [SB-220](#) AN ACT CONCERNING INCARCERATED PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

Proposed [SB-228](#) AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PATIENT ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL.

Proposed [SB-229](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE STATE.

Proposed [SB-237](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO MINORS.

Proposed [SB-239](#) AN ACT DEFINING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AS A DISEASE.

Proposed [SB-244](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS IN CONNECTICUT.

Proposed [SB-245](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON NATURAL HAIR AND HAIRSTYLES.

Proposed [SB-246](#) AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOMS.

Proposed [SB-254](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION OF STUDENTS WHO WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADUATING.

Raised [SB-265](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SYSTEMS.

Raised [SB-285](#) AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.

Proposed [SB-295](#) AN ACT DESIGNATING ADVANCE DIRECTIVE AWARENESS MONTH.

Proposed [SB-306](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER COST-EFFECTIVE HUMAN SERVICES AND DETER FRAUD.

Proposed [SB-308](#) AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER.

Proposed [SB-311](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR YOUNG ADULT MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.

Proposed [SB-320](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS.

Raised [SB-326](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. While email is the best way to reach me, you can also text or call my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am away from my desk phone.