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Legislative Update #5
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The DMHAS legislative team is pleased to share the information below related to bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community, thank you to those who have been able to assist with advocacy. This update contains information on bills that originated in committees other than the Public Health Committee, which we reported on in Legislative Update #4. After bills have been voted out of committees, if they have not been referred directly to another committee, they next go to either the House or Senate chamber for further action, usually meaning they will be scheduled for a debate and then voted on in that chamber. House bills (HB) go to the House Chamber first and senate bills (SB) go to the Senate Chamber first.

Appropriations Committee

[HB-6897](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOBILE NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAM. – Public hearing 3/28, no action taken on this bill yet from the committee that would require a report on the mobile narcotics program.

Committee on Children

[HB-6718](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS. – On the House Calendar.

General Law Committee

[HB-5315](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDING FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO BE USED TO SUPPLY A PATIENT WHO HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED AN OPIOID DRUG WITH A PERSONAL-USE PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL SYSTEM. – Did not get voted out of the committee.

[HB-6696](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND AND PERSONAL OPIOID DRUG DEACTIVATION AND DISPOSAL PRODUCTS. – On the House Calendar.

[HB-6698](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG POLICY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PEER SUPPORT SERVICES AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG-RELATED CRIMES. – On the House Calendar.

Human Services Committee

[HB-5001](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[HB-6612](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS. - Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Judiciary Committee

[SB-926](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD – Was not voted out of committee.

[SB-1231](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFENDANT'S COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL AND EARLY RELEASE INTO THE COMMUNITY. – On the Senate Calendar.

[HB-5096](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROBATE COURT TO ORDER A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY TO SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EVALUATION AND ASSISTED OUTPATIENT MEDICAL TREATMENT. – Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Planning and Development

[HB-5869](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND. – Was not voted out of committee.

Public Safety and Security

[SB-972](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS. – On the Senate Calendar.

[SB-105](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY PHYSICIANS AND FIREARM POSSESSION AND SALES – referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[HB-6582](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING ADDICTION SERVICES EXPERTS AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS. – On the House Calendar.

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