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## **Legislative Update # 2**

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This update continues to highlight legislative proposals that may impact the behavioral health community. The proposals that have been published continue to be largely “concepts,” which means the full language of the bill is not available but the underlying purpose of the bill is published.

I have broken the concepts down into a few updates to make them more manageable. More updates on concepts will follow over the next few days. Below are few that may be of interest:

Proposed [SB-103](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PACKAGING OF CERTAIN OPIOID

Proposed [SB-108](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

Proposed [SB-113](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS

Proposed [SB-115](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS BY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PHARMACIES

Proposed [SB-116](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Proposed [SB-1](#) AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

Proposed [SB-23](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Proposed [SB-40](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A SCHOOL

Proposed [SB-41](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF REFILLABLE ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE STATE

Proposed [SB-42](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS BY HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Proposed [SB-44](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS

Proposed [SB-55](#) AN ACT DESIGNATING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE STATE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [HB-5110](#) AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

Proposed [HB-5117](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PRACTICE WITHOUT LICENSES DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Proposed [HB-5123](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DRUG-DEPENDENT PERSONS

Proposed [HB-5135](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH-RISK NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Proposed [HB-5136](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO COMBAT OPIOID ABUSE AND ADDICTION'

Proposed [HB-5141](#) AN ACT PERMITTING FAMILY MEMBERS TO PETITION FOR MANDATORY ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABUSING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL'

Proposed [HB-5142](#) ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THROUGH TELEHEALTH'

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](mailto: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.