



# Law Office of Kevin Stewart Bill Status Report

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- Referred to Committee
- Reported from Committee
- Passed 1st Chamber
- Referred to Committee
- Reported from Committee
- Passed 2nd Chamber
- Signed/Vetoed



## TSNO

HB 1312

Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.

**General Remarks:**

This bill would allow school districts to contract with LMHAs to provide mental health services. It would also require LMHAs to, at the request of a parent, provide primary care physicians with assessment results. Finally, it would allow school districts to be reimbursed as providers under Medicaid for behavioral health services.

**Bill History:**

02-04-19 H Filed

HB 1335

Price, Four(R)

Relating to the establishment of school-based behavioral health centers by school districts and a grant program administered by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission for the operation of those centers.

**General Remarks:**

This bill would allow school districts to create school-based behavioral health centers, and create a grant program to assist schools with the cost of operating them.

**Bill History:**

02-04-19 H Filed

HB 1371

Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.

**Companions:**

**SB 3** Nelson, Jane (Identical)  
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**General Remarks:**

This bill would give an annual salary allotment in the amount of \$5,000 to classroom teachers.

**Bill History:**

02-05-19 H Filed

HB 1468

Talarico, James (F)(D)

Relating to the creation of a task force to examine the effectiveness of school counseling programs provided for students enrolled in public schools.

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**General Remarks:** This bill would create a public school mental health task force. A public school mental health professional is defined as a psychiatrist, a school counselor, a psych-APRN, a psychologist, an LPC, or an LCSW. The task force would include public school mental health professionals, school administrators, agency representatives, and representatives from professional counseling organizations.

**Bill History:** 02-06-19 H Filed

HB 1490

Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to claiming an exemption from required immunizations for public school students.

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**General Remarks:** This bill would remove the requirement that immunization affidavit forms contain a seal to prevent reproduction, and prohibit the the department from maintaining a record of affidavit forms submitted.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 H Filed

HB 1517

Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to a notification requirement if a public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, does not have a nurse assigned to the school during all instructional hours.

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**General Remarks:** This bill would require schools to notify parents if a school nurse is not on staff. They may notify through their website, and the law would not apply to districts with less than 10,000 students.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 H Filed

SB 299

Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to a notification requirement if a public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, does not have a nurse, school counselor, or librarian assigned to the school during all instructional hours.

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**General Remarks:** This bill would require schools to notify parents if they do not have a school nurse, librarian, or counselor. The school could notify by posting it on their website, and the bill exempts schools with less than 10,000 students.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 326

Alvarado, Carol (F)(D)

Relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools.

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**Companions:** HB 197 Reynolds, Ron (Identical)  
11-12-18 H Filed

**Specific Remarks:** Support; ensure that school nurses are not removed from the language.

**General Remarks:** This bill would provide a \$400/month raise to teachers, nurses, and counselors.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 329

Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports.



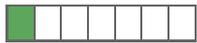
**General Remarks:** This bill would require DSHS to submit a report to the legislature on outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases and exemption information. It would also require school districts to provide information to DSHS on each campus that DSHS will post on its website. Finally, it would require districts to provide information to parents upon request.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 344

Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the participation of campus-based mental health professionals in certain health benefit plans.



**General Remarks:** This bill would prohibit insurers from rejecting applications to contract with campus-based mental health providers. Campus-based mental health providers are defined as a social worker, professional counselor, psychological associate, and psychologist.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 358

Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program.



**General Remarks:** This bill would make part-time faculty eligible for the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and would allow THECB to determine loan amounts based on the number of hours worked.

**Bill History:** 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

SB 670

Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.



**Companions:** [HB 870](#) Price, Four (Identical)  
1-16-19 H Filed

**General Remarks:** This bill would prohibit MCOs from refusing reimbursement solely because a consultation is provided through

telemedicine or telehealth. It would also repeal facility standards and technology standards for Medicaid reimbursement of tele-services. Finally, it would repeal a requirement that fees be split between a physician and an on-site provider, and a requirement that a health professional be present with a student in order for a physician to receive reimbursement for a telemedicine service.

**Bill History:** 02-06-19 S Filed

SB 673

Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the scheduling of the first and last days of school for students by school districts.

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**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 1865</a>	Krause, Matt	(Refiled from 85R Session)
<a href="#">HB 233</a>	Krause, Matt	(Identical)
	11-12-18 H Filed	

**General Remarks:** This bill would allow school years to begin anytime after the Tuesday after Labor Day.

**Bill History:** 02-06-19 S Filed

**Total Bills: 13**