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- Referred to Committee
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HB 18 Price, Four(R)



Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs.

Remarks: This bill would require districts to evidence-based practices and trauma- and grief-informed care to their district improvement plans. It would also require continuing education for teachers and principals in educating students with mental health conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, and who engage in substance abuse. It would require mental health education to be part of health education. It would also require the state to develop guidelines for partnering with LMHAs and providers. Finally, it would require schools to notify parents if they do not have a counselor or school nurse.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Filed
02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 76 Huberty, Dan(R)



Relating to cardiac assessments of high school participants in extracurricular athletic activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

Remarks: This bill would require school districts to administer, or pay to have administered, an electrocardiogram or echocardiogram before participating in UIL activities.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.036 - House Public Education
02-26-19 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 129 Bernal, Diego(D)



Relating to the assignment of certain certified or licensed professionals to certain public schools.

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

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.036 - House Public Education
02-26-19 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 198

Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to providing mental health services and mental health education to public school students at school-based health centers.



Remarks: Provide testimony that school nurses provide a broader range of services, but serve complementary roles.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.036 - House Public Education
02-26-19 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 204

Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health in the required curriculum for public school students.



Remarks: This bill would require mental health instruction in the curriculum of public schools.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.036 - House Public Education
02-26-19 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 239

Farrar, Jessica(D)

Relating to social work services in public schools.



Companions: [SB 209](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill would allow social workers to provide social work services to students and families in a school district.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.036 - House Public Education
02-26-19 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 870

Price, Four(R)

Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.



Companions: [SB 670](#) Buckingham, Dawn (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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: 02-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 906 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.



Companions: [SB 992](#) Powell, Beverly (F) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill would create the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services to study funding of services and training of educators employed by schools to provide mental health services.

Bill History: 02-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 960 Howard, Donna(D) Relating to the removal of a public school student from an interscholastic athletic activity on the basis of a suspected concussion.



Remarks: This bill would allow school nurses to begin the return-to-play protocol.

Bill History: 02-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 961 Howard, Donna(D) Relating to the membership and training course requirements of school district and open-enrollment charter school concussion oversight teams.



Remarks: This bill would allow school nurses to become members of school district concussion oversight teams.

Bill History: 02-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1069 Price, Four(R) Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs.



Companions: [SB 913](#) Watson, Kirk (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill would overhaul the education to refocus on mental health. Of the larger changes, it would require schools to develop comprehensive counseling programs that conform to the most recent edition of TCA's Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling. It would also allow districts to employ or contract with psychologists, psych-APRNs, LPCs, LCSWs, and LMFTs.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 1072 Price, Four(R)



Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.

Companions: SB 914 Watson, Kirk (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: This bill would require LMHAs to employ a non-physician mental health professional to serve as a resource for school districts located in the region. A non-physician mental health provider is defined as a psychologist, a psych-APRN, an LCSW, an LPC, or an LMFT.

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 1199 Miller, Rick(R)



Relating to public school compliance with dyslexia screening and testing requirements.

Remarks: This bill would require the state to audit and monitor compliance with dyslexia screening requirements in public schools

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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.

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: 02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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.

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: 02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 1371

Guillen, Ryan(D)

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



Companions: SB 3 Nelson, Jane (Identical)
3- 4-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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

Bill History: 02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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.



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: 02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1490

Krause, Matt(R)

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



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: 02-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 2515

Pacheco, Leo (F)(D)

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



Companions: HB 233 Krause, Matt (Identical)
2-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

SB 673 Campbell, Donna (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

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

Bill History: 02-26-19 H Filed

HB 2555 Parker, Tan(R)



Relating to guidelines for policies of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for the care of certain students at risk for anaphylaxis.

Companions: **SB 869** Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill would create a committee to assist schools with updating guidelines for care of students at risk for anaphylaxis.

Bill History: 02-27-19 H Filed

SB 3 Nelson, Jane(R)



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

Companions: **HB 1371** Guillen, Ryan (Identical)
2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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

Bill History: 02-25-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., E1.036 - Senate Finance
02-25-19 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Finance
02-26-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Finance
02-27-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

SB 670 Buckingham, Dawn(R)



Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.

Companions: **HB 870** Price, Four (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

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: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 673

Campbell, Donna(R)

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



Companions:

HB 1865	Krause, Matt	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 233	Krause, Matt	(Identical)
2-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education		
HB 2515	Pacheco, Leo (F)	(Identical)
2-26-19 H Filed		

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

Bill History: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 869

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to guidelines for policies of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for the care of certain students at risk for anaphylaxis.



Companions:

HB 2555	Parker, Tan	(Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed		

Remarks: This bill would create a committee to assist schools with updating guidelines for care of students at risk for anaphylaxis.

Bill History: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 913

Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students in training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs, state and regional program



Companions:

HB 1069	Price, Four	(Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health		

Remarks: This bill would overhaul the education to refocus on mental health. Of the larger changes, it would require schools to develop comprehensive counseling programs that conform to the most recent edition of TCA's Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling. It would also allow districts to employ or contract with psychologists, psych-APRNs, LPCs, LCSWs, and LMFTs.

Bill History: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 914

Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.



Companions: [HB 1072](#) Price, Four (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

Remarks: This bill would require LMHAs to employ a non-physician mental health professional to serve as a resource for school districts located in the region. A non-physician mental health provider is defined as a psychologist, a psych-APRN, an LCSW, an LPC, or an LMFT.

Bill History: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 992

Powell, Beverly (F)(D)

Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.



Companions: [HB 906](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

Remarks: This bill would create the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services to study funding of services and training of educators employed by schools to provide mental health services.

Bill History: 03-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 1181

Menendez, Jose(D)

Relating to a wage increase for certain public school employees.



Remarks: This bill would give a raise to school employees, besides administrators, of \$5,000. This would be funded by the state.

Bill History: 02-26-19 S Filed

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