

MHAMD 2015 Priority/Monitor Bill List

Bill #	Name	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
SB 1	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Refills of Prescriptions During State of Emergency	Increases from 14 to 30 days the maximum unauthorized prescription refill that a pharmacist may dispense during a state of emergency.	Conway	EHE/HGO	HB 591	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 49	State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Examination of Applicants, Licensees, Certificate Holders, and Trainees	Gives Board authority to order applicants, licensees and others to undergo a mental health or physical examination.	Conway	EHE/HGO	HB 805	OPPOSE	BILL PASSED
SB 74	Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations to address maternal mental health needs and services in Maryland.	Feldman	FIN/HGO	HB 739	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 90	Guardianship of Disabled Persons and Revocation of Advance Directives, and Surrogates—Disabled Persons and Mental Health Services	Delays for 72 hours a revocation of a mental health advance directive under certain circumstances. <i>[As amended, the bill permits a competent individual to elect, when making an advance directive, to waive their right to revoke during periods of incapacity.]</i>	Kelley	JPR/HGO	HB 293	OPPOSE <i>[SUPPORT AS AMENDED]</i>	BILL PASSED
SB 92	Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Repeal of Termination Date	Repeals the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.	Middleton	FIN/HGO	HB 230	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 119	Health Maintenance Organizations - Premium Tax and Transfer of Premium Tax Exemption Value - Repeal	Repeals a tax on health maintenance organizations that funds a variety of health services and programs.	Brochin	B&T		OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
SB 138	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Assisted Living Services	Requires Medicaid reimbursement for certain assisted living services that are not already covered.	Kelley	FIN		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
SB 157	Consultation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent by Minors	Expands the list of health care professionals that minors 16 years old and older can receive mental health treatment from without parental consent.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN/HGO	HB 662	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 162	Task Force to Study Regulation of Teletherapy	Establishes a task force to study the benefits of, problems associated with, and need for state regulation and licensing of teletherapy.	Nathan-Pulliam	EHE	HB 451	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
SB 174	Behavioral Health Administration - Behavioral Health Advisory Council	Combines the Mental Health Advisory Council and the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council into a single Behavioral Health Advisory Council.	Eckardt	FIN/HGO	HB 1262	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 195	Mental Health - Voluntary and Involuntary Admissions - Assent and Certification by Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Alters the list of professionals that may assent to an individual's involuntary admission to a psychiatric facility.	Eckardt	FIN/HGO		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 198	Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy - Continuing Education Recommended Courses	Requires that health care professionals, as a condition of licensure/renewal, complete continuing education requirements related to health care disparities, health literacy, and more. <i>[As amended, requires health professional boards to post on their website and in newsletters info about courses recommended by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.]</i>	Nathan-Pulliam	EHE/HGO	HB 580	MONITOR	BILL PASSED

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SB 199	Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing	Requires those looking to license opioid maintenance programs to first undergo an assessment identifying various crime-related and population demographics in the zip code of the proposed program.	Conway	FIN/HGO		OPPOSE	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION
SB 281	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health System	Establishes a commission to study and make recommendations related to behavioral health in Maryland, including provider capacity, network adequacy, funding sufficiency, and more.	Middleton	FIN	HB 650	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 297	Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports	Establishes a Task Force to identify and recommend ways to support family caregivers who are providing needed in-home support for older adults.	Kelley	FIN/HGO		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 314	Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language	Provides for parents of a child with a disability to receive IEP or IFSP plans in their native language.	Ramirez	EHE	HB 44	SUPPORT	UNFAVORABLE
SB 318	Community Mental Health Services - Telemental Health Services - Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Allows psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide and receive reimbursement for telemental health services. <i>[Bill withdrawn after commitment by DHMH to implement the provisions without legislation]</i>	Pugh	FIN	HB 1026	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 321	Baltimore City and Baltimore County - Police Mental Behavioral Health Units - Pilot Program	Requires the police departments in Baltimore City and Baltimore County to establish mental health units of officers specially trained in mental health issues. <i>[As amended, expands purview to include substance use disorders and clarifies that new units may not interfere with or replace current Crisis Intervention Team programs.]</i>	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN/HGO		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 338	Medical Records - Authorization to Disclose - Person in Interest	Expands the list of individuals that may obtain confidential medical records of a deceased person.	Conway	FIN		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 384	Mental Hygiene Community-Based Services Fund - Residential Rehabilitation Programs	Provides that certain funding intended to increase housing and employment opportunities for individuals with mental illness may include services provided in residential rehabilitation programs.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN		MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE
SB 390	Education - Due Process Hearings for Children with Disabilities - Burden of Proof	Requires the school system to bear the burden of proof in IEP due process hearings.	Montgomery	EHE	HB 344	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 400	State Government - Commemorative Months - Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month	Requires the Governor annually to proclaim June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.	Pugh	EHE/HGO	HB 572	MONITOR	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION

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SB 403	Education - Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers	Establishes a Council to develop policy recommendations to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school-based health centers.	Madaleno	EHE/HGO	HB 375	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 430	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Parity	Provides that provisions of the law pertaining to parity apply to the Medicaid program and requires that a certain criteria be used when determining medical necessity for a substance use disorder.	Klausmeier	FIN	HB 975	LETTER OF INFORMATION	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 469	Public Health - Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System	Modernizes Maryland's crisis response system and ensures that a full array of services are available 24/7 in every jurisdiction <i>[As amended, removes obsolete provisions, cleans up statutory language, and authorizes an array of modern crisis services.]</i>	Madaleno	FIN/HGO	HB 367	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 471	Task Force to Study the Provision of Health Care Coverage to Uninsured Marylanders	Establishes a Task Force to study the availability of health care coverage to residents of the state and recommend ways to extend coverage to all Marylanders.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN/HGO	HB 949	MONITOR	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION
SB 506	Education - Health and Safety - School Wellness Committees	Requires each county board of education to establish a wellness committee to discuss issues relating to the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of the students.	Young	EHE	HB 1209	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 516	Public Health - Overdose Response Program	Expands training about and access to naloxone and grants civil immunity protections to prescribers.	Klausmeier	FIN/HGO	HB 745	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 526	Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015	Allows a person to shield from public view police and court records related to certain offenses.	Raskin	JPR/JUD	HB 244	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION <i>[Crossfiled bill passed]</i>
SB 535	Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals - Requirement	Repeals a requirement that community college students must first apply financial aid to their tuition before receiving a tuition exemption based on their disability.	Madaleno	EHE/W&M	HB 152	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION
SB 556	Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law	Modifies provisions in Maryland law to conform to the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.	Maryland Insurance Administration	FIN/HGO		FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS	BILL PASSED
SB 562	Tax Credits - Employment of Individuals with Disabilities	Increases the tax credit for employers who hire people with disabilities.	Peters	B&T	HB 473	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 571	Child Abuse and Neglect - Failure to Report - Penalties and Training	Creates civil and criminal penalties for failure to report child abuse.	Kelley	JPR	HB 856	MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE
SB 586	Health Insurance - Federal and State Mental Health and Addiction Parity Laws - Report on Compliance	Requires that insurance carriers submit annually a report certifying and outlining how their plans comply with parity laws.	Middleton	FIN	HB 1010	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN

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SB 607	Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders	Establishes a joint legislative committee to examine a range of issues, including the effectiveness of the behavioral health system and the extent to which insurance carriers are complying with parity laws.	Klausmeier	FIN/HGO	HB 896	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 648	Task Force to Study the Effect of the Drug Ritalin on School Children	Establishes a Task Force to study and make recommendations on the prevalence and effect of Ritalin use and the impact it has on school and public health systems.	Muse	EHE		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
SB 654	Criminal Procedure - Immunity - Alcohol- or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies	Expands the criminal immunity for individuals seeking medical assistance for a person believed to be experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using drugs or alcohol.	Muse	JPR/JUD	HB 1009	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 697	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore	Establishes a group to review the feasibility and cost of reopening the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center.	Hershey	FIN		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 761	Disabled Individuals - Task Force on the Maryland ABLE Program - Established	Allows eligible individuals and their families to save for disability-related expenses without losing benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid, the Supplemental Security Income program, employment, and other sources. <i>[As amended, establishes a Task Force to develop a plan for implementing the program.]</i>	Feldman	B&T/APP	HB 1105	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 792	Public Health - Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Gifts and Organ Transplantation	Prohibits discrimination based on disability in the consideration of whether an individual is a qualified organ transplant candidate.	Astle	FIN/HGO	HB 1122	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 803	Health Insurance - Nonpreferred Providers - Assignment of Benefits, Reimbursement, and Fraudulent Insurance Acts	Makes it a fraudulent insurance act for a nonpreferred provider to waive, forgive, or fail to collect certain deductibles, copayments, etc.	Astle	FIN	HB 1157	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 807	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Demonstration Program - Grant Application	Requires the Department to apply for a planning grant to have the state selected as a demonstration state for the establishment of certified community behavioral health clinics under federal law. <i>[Bill withdrawn after commitment by DHMH to apply for the grant.]</i>	Middleton	FIN	HB 1173	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 834	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Qualified Health Plans - Standards	Adds requirements for qualified health plans related to benefit design, formulary management, and network adequacy.	Pugh	FIN	HB 990	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 27	Task Force on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations on the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center property.	Anne Arundel County Delegation	E&T/FIN		MONITOR	BILL PASSED

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HB 44	Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language Special Education - IEP Translation Pilot Program - Establishment	Provides for parents of a child with a disability to receive IEP or IFSP plans in their native language. <i>[As amended, the translation requirements are established as part of a pilot program in Montgomery County only.]</i>	Luedtke	W&M/EHE	SB 314	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION
HB 66	Human Services - No Wrong Door Pilot Program	Establishes a program to ensure that low-income residents have access to the services needed to sustain themselves and their families.	Rosenberg	APP		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 152	Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals - Requirements	Repeals a requirement that community college students must first apply financial aid to their tuition before receiving a tuition exemption based on their disability.	Reznik	W&M	SB 535	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 230	Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Repeal of Termination Date	Repeals the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.	Hammen	HGO/FIN	SB 92	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 244	Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015	Allows a person to shield from public view police and court records related to certain offenses.	Anderson	JUD	SB 526	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 293	Guardianship of Disabled Persons and Revocation of Advance Directives, and Surrogates - Disabled Persons and Mental Health Services	Delays for 72 hours a revocation of a mental health advance directive under certain circumstances. <i>[As amended, the bill permits a competent individual to elect, when making an advance directive, to waive their right to revoke during periods of incapacity.]</i>	Morhaim	HGO/JPR	SB 90	OPPOSE <i>[SUPPORT AS AMENDED]</i>	BILL PASSED
HB 344	Education - Due Process Hearings for Children with Disabilities - Burden of Proof	Requires the school system to bear the burden of proof in IEP due process hearings.	A. Washington	W&M	SB 390	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 367	Public Health - Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System	Modernizes Maryland's crisis response system and ensures that a full array of services are available 24/7 in every jurisdiction <i>[As amended, removes obsolete provisions, cleans up statutory language, and authorizes an array of modern crisis services.]</i>	Rosenberg	HGO	SB 469	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 375	Education - Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers	Establishes a Council to develop policy recommendations to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school-based health centers.	Cullison	HGO/EHE	SB 403	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 435	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Award of Grant - Study of Past Practices at State Psychiatric Institutions	Requires the Department to award a grant to a nonprofit organization to study the past practices regarding the treatment of patients at State psychiatric institutions.	Rosenberg	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 451	Task Force to Study Regulation of Teletherapy	Establishes a task force to study the benefits of, problems associated with, and need for state regulation and licensing of teletherapy.	Reznik	HGO	SB 162	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 473	Tax Credits - Employment of Individuals with Disabilities	Increases the tax credit for employers who hire people with disabilities.	Kramer	W&M	SB 562	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

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HB 534	Health Insurance - Coverage of Brand Name Prescription Drugs for Mental Health Treatment	Prohibits certain practices and requirements related to health insurance coverage of brand name prescription medication.	Morhaim	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 572	State Government - Commemorative Months - Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month	Requires the Governor annually to proclaim June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.	Cullison	HGO	SB 400	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 580	Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy - Continuing Education Recommended Courses	Requires that health care professionals, as a condition of licensure/renewal, complete continuing education requirements related to health care disparities, health literacy, and more. <i>[As amended, requires health professional boards to post on their website and in newsletters info about courses recommended by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.]</i>	Pena-Melnyk	HGO/EHE	SB 198	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 591	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Refills of Prescriptions During State of Emergency	Increases from 14 to 30 days the maximum unauthorized prescription refill that a pharmacist may dispense during a state of emergency.	Miele	HGO/EHE	SB 1	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 650	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health System	Establishes a commission to study and make recommendations related to behavioral health in Maryland, including provider capacity, network adequacy, funding sufficiency, and more.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO	SB 281	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 662	Consultation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent by Minors	Expands the list of health care professionals that minors 16 years old and older can receive mental health treatment from without parental consent.	Cullison	HGO	SB 157	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 739	Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations to address maternal mental health needs and services in Maryland.	Kelly	HGO/FIN	SB 74	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 745	Public Health - Overdose Response Program	Expands training about and access to naloxone and grants civil immunity protections to prescribers.	Bromwell	HGO/FIN	SB 516	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 805	State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Examination of Applicants, Licensees, Certificate Holders, and Trainees	Gives Board authority to order applicants, licensees and others to undergo a mental health or physical examination.	Cullison	HGO	SB 49	OPPOSE	BILL PASSED
HB 856	Child Abuse and Neglect - Failure to Report - Penalties and Training	Creates civil and criminal penalties for failure to report child abuse.	McComas	JUD	SB 571	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 861	Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing	Requires those looking to license opioid maintenance programs to first undergo an assessment identifying various crime-related and population demographics in the zip code of the proposed program.	M. Washington	HGO		OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

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HB 896	Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders	Establishes a joint legislative committee to examine a range of issues, including the effectiveness of the behavioral health system and the extent to which insurance carriers are complying with parity laws.	Bromwell	HGO/FIN	SB 607	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 949	Task Force to Study the Provision of Health Care Coverage to Uninsured Marylanders	Establishes a Task Force to study the availability of health care coverage to residents of the state and recommend ways to extend coverage to all Marylanders.	Kelly	HGO	SB 471	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 975	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Parity	Provides that provisions of the law pertaining to parity apply to the Medicaid program and requires that a certain criteria be used when determining medical necessity for a substance use disorder.	Haynes	HGO	SB 430	LETTER OF INFORMATION	WITHDRAWN
HB 990	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Qualified Health Plans - Standards	Adds requirements for qualified health plans related to benefit design, formulary management, and network adequacy.	Kelly	HGO	SB 834	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1009	Criminal Procedure - Immunity - Alcohol- or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies	Expands the criminal immunity for individuals seeking medical assistance for a person believed to be experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using drugs or alcohol.	Smith	JUD/JPR	SB 654	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1010	Health Insurance - Federal and State Mental Health and Addiction Parity Laws - Report on Compliance	Requires that insurance carriers submit annually a report certifying and outlining how their plans comply with parity laws.	Kelly	HGO	SB 586	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1026	Community Mental Health Services - Telemental Health Services - Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Allows psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide and receive reimbursement for telemental health services. <i>[Bill withdrawn after commitment by DHMH to implement the provisions without legislation]</i>	Pena-Melnyk	HGO	SB 318	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1053	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore	Establishes a group to review the feasibility and cost of reopening the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center.	Jacobs	HGO	SB 697	MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE
HB 1105	Disabled Individuals - Task Force on the Maryland ABLE Program –Established	Allows eligible individuals and their families to save for disability-related expenses without losing benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid, the Supplemental Security Income program, employment, and other sources. <i>[As amended, establishes a Task Force to develop a plan for implementing the program.]</i>	Zucker	APP/B&T	SB 761	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1106	Public Health - Electronic Advance Directives - Witness Requirements	Provides that certain witnesses to the signing of an advance directive need not be physically present at the time the declarant signs the document.	Morhaim	HGO/FIN		MONITOR	BILL PASSED

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HB 1109	Behavioral Health Administration - Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities	Makes statutory changes to better integrate mental health and substance use disorder programs and creates a new section dedicated specifically to behavioral health programs.	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	HGO		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1116	Public Schools - Student Suicide Intervention - Required Procedures	Requires school personnel to follow certain procedures if a student is making an imminent suicide attempt or there is a belief that a student may be at risk of suicide.	C. Wilson	RULES		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1122	Public Health - Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Gifts and Organ Transplantation	Prohibits discrimination based on disability in the consideration of whether an individual is a qualified organ transplant candidate.	Hill	RULES	SB 792	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1134	Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing	Requires those looking to license opioid maintenance programs to first pay for an assessment identifying various crime-related and population demographics in the zip code of the proposed program.	M. Washington	RULES	SB 199	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1141	Education - PARCC Testing - Exemption for Children with Disabilities	Exempts a child with a disability from taking the standardized Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment.	Vogt	RULES		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1157	Health Insurance - Nonpreferred Providers - Assignment of Benefits, Reimbursement, and Fraudulent Insurance Acts	Makes it a fraudulent insurance act for a nonpreferred provider to waive, forgive, or fail to collect certain deductibles, copayments, etc.	Krebs	RULES	SB 803	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1173	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Demonstration Program - Grant Application	Requires the Department to apply for a planning grant to have the state selected as a demonstration state for the establishment of certified community behavioral health clinics under federal law. <i>[Bill withdrawn after commitment by DHMH to apply for the grant.]</i>	Hammen	HGO	SB 807	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1209	Education - Health and Safety - School Wellness Committees	Requires each county board of education to establish a wellness committee to discuss issues relating to the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of the students.	Hixson	W&M	SB 506	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1249	Task Force to Improve Suicide Prevention Programs for Veterans	Establishes a task force to study existing suicide prevention programs for veterans and develop a plan to improve the effectiveness of those programs.	Haynes	RULES		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1262	Behavioral Health Administration - Behavioral Health Advisory Council	Combines the Mental Health Advisory Council and the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council into a single Behavioral Health Advisory Council.	Sample-Hughes	RULES	SB 174	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION <i>[Crossfiled bill passed]</i>