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*These are on the bills that we support and oppose – there are many other bills that we track and reserve the right to take a position on a later date.

*NAMI TX positions on bills are based on input from local NAMI affiliate organizations and direction from Public Policy Committee and Board of Directors. Bill positions are subject to change based on new information, input, amendments, etc.

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*This list guides NAMI Texas activities at the Texas Legislature - testimony, legislative visits, cards of support/opposition, etc. We encourage our local NAMI affiliate organizations to adopt these same positions, and require that they not take a directly opposite position from NAMI Texas on any bill. If an affiliate intends to take a position on a bill that is not on this list, please notify Greg.

FOR:

SB 27 - Relating to the mental health program for veterans.

SB 36 - Relating to the regulation of certain guardianship programs.

SB 37 - Relating to the requirement to obtain certification for attorneys representing persons in guardianship proceedings.

SB 38 - Relating to guardianships.

SB 39 - Relating to guardianships for persons who have physical disabilities or who are incapacitated.

SB 41 - Relating to the demand for an accounting from an attorney in fact or agent of a principal by certain persons.

SB 53 - Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

SB 74 - Relating to the provision of certain behavioral health services to children, adolescents, and their families under a contract with a managed care organization.

SB 160 - Relating to a prohibition of a monitoring system performance indicator based on the number or percentage of students receiving special education services.

SB 179 - Relating to student harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, injury to or death of a minor; creating a criminal offense.

SB 180 - Relating to student harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying.

SB 181 - Relating to civil liability for bullying of a child.

SB 203 - Relating to removing the deadline for the Department of Family and Protective Services to enter into permanency care assistance agreements.

SB 205 - Relating to eligibility for supplemental financial assistance provided to certain grandparents.

SB 211 - Relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance.

SB 212 - Relating to the ability of certain relative caretakers of dependent children to receive supplemental financial assistance and be assigned as protective payees for financial assistance payments.

SB 214 - Relating to a prohibition of a monitoring system performance indicator based on the number or percentage of students receiving special education services.

SB 220 - Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises of certain mental health facilities.

SB 235 - Relating to the continuation of certain public benefits, including medical assistance, for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.

SB 270 - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drugs.

SB 292 - Relating to the creation of a grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness.

SB 377 Relating to the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.

SB 411 - Relating to the participation of campus-based mental health professionals in certain health benefit plans.

SB 498 - Relating to the use of person first respectful language instead of the term "ward."

SB 578 Relating to the creation by the Texas Veterans Commission of a veteran suicide prevention action plan.

SB 674 - Relating to an expedited licensing process for certain physicians specializing in psychiatry; authorizing a fee.

SB 680 - Relating to step therapy protocols required by a health benefit plan in connection with prescription drug coverage.

SB 681 - Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.

SB 697 Relating to health benefit coverage for prescription drug synchronization.

SB 699 - Relating to the establishment of a kinship caregiver navigator program by the Health and Human Services Commission.

SB 773 - Relating to the authority of a judge to compel a criminal defendant who lacks capacity to take psychoactive medication.

SB 780 - Relating to monetary assistance provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services to certain relatives and designated caregivers.

SB 808 - Relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

SB 817 – Relating to certain mental health screenings under the Texas Health Steps program.

SB 819 - Relating to the execution of a declaration for mental health treatment.

SB 860 - Relating to access to and benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

SB 861 - Relating to coverage for serious mental illness, other disorders, and chemical dependency under health benefit plans.

SB 879 Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as and receive monetary assistance for serving as a relative or other designated caregiver.

SB 941 Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

SB 1021 Relating to a report on the consolidation of the health and human services system, including advisory committees within the system, and the re-creation of the Texas system of care framework.

SB 1066 Relating to meeting the graduate medical education needs of new medical degree programs

offered by public institutions of higher education.

SB 1107 - Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services.

SB 1154 Relating to coverage for serious mental illness under certain group health benefit plans.
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SB 1225 Relating to eligibility requirements for the repayment of certain physician education loans.

SB 1257 Relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

SB 1417 Relating to a requirement that a hospital allow a patient to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instruction regarding the patient.

SB 1509 Relating to eligibility requirements for the repayment of certain mental health professional education loans.

SB 1540 Relating to the certification, training, and supervision of certified family partners and the provision of peer support services by certified family partners to the family or primary caregiver of certain children with serious emotional disturbance, including the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

SB 1967 Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.

SB 1691 Relating to the commissioner of education establishing an annual conference on methods to improve the mental health of students in public schools.

SB 1694 Relating to suicide prevention training for certain mental health professionals.

SB 1722 Relating to the eligibility of a firefighter or a peace officer for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

SB 1743 Relating to transferring the Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities to The

University of Texas at Austin.

SB 1778 Relating to the provision of information regarding firearm safety and suicide prevention.

SB 1860 Relating to agreements between this state and other jurisdictions concerning reciprocal licensure of mental health professionals.

SB 1861 Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state that serves persons with mental health and substance use issues.

SB 1862 Relating to the development of initiatives to reduce veteran suicides in this state.

SB 1986 Relating to the creation of an advisory committee on mental health issues affecting veterans within the Texas Veterans Commission.

SB 2236 Relating to the independent ombudsman for county jails.

SB 2237 Relating to prescription medications for the care and treatment of inmates and prisoners in county jails.

HB 10 - Relating to access to and benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

HB 13 - Relating to the creation of a matching grant program to support community mental health programs for individuals experiencing mental illness.

HB 14 - Relating to the carrying of handguns by license holders on the property of state hospitals; providing a civil penalty.

HB 122 - Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

HB 132 - Relating to the ability of certain relative caretakers of dependent children to receive supplemental financial assistance and be assigned as protective payees for financial assistance payments.

HB 134 Relating to a peace officer training advisory committee.

HB 183 Relating to the consequences of successfully completing a period of deferred adjudication community supervision.

HB 304 - Relating to civil liability for bullying of a child.

HB 305 - Relating to student harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying.

HB 309 - Relating to the establishment of a home and community-based services program under Medicaid for certain persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

HB 337 - Relating to the continuation of certain public benefits, including medical assistance benefits, for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.)

HB 353 - Relating to the assignment of certain behavioral health professionals to certain public schools.

HB 548 - Relating to the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.

HB 562 - Relating to a committee formed to adopt a plan to deal with mental illness in the criminal justice system.

HB 567 - Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain

misdemeanors punishable by a fine only.

HB 571 - Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain misdemeanors punishable by a fine only.

HB 574 - Relating to a limitation on the authority to arrest a person for certain misdemeanors punishable by a fine only.

HB 576 - Relating to medical examinations for certain children taken into possession by the Department of Family and Protective Services or another governmental entity.

HB 616 Relating to the system by which an application for a low income housing tax credit is scored.

HB 630 - Relating to the Internet broadcast and archiving of open meetings of the Health and Human Services Commission, health and human services agencies, and related advisory entities.

HB 631 - Relating to a public awareness campaign on firearm safety and suicide prevention.

HB 637 - Relating to a committee formed to adopt a plan to deal with mental illness in the juvenile justice system.

HB 692 - Relating to monetary assistance for a relative or other designated caregiver of children in foster care.

HB 693 - Relating to medical and psychological assessments and services for children in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 698 - Relating to notice given to certain persons before a change of placement for a child in foster care.

HB 706 - Relating to monetary assistance for a relative or other designated caregiver of children in foster care.

HB 713 - Relating to a prohibition of a monitoring system performance indicator based on the number or percentage of students receiving special education services.

HB 774 - Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain misdemeanors punishable by a fine only.

HB 813 - Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain misdemeanors punishable by a fine only.

HB 866 - Relating to lethal violence protective orders; creating a criminal offense.

HB 909 - Relating to preliminary examination periods for mental health protective custody.

HB 1159 - Relating to notice given to certain medical providers of a change in placement for a child in foster care.

HB 1274 - Relating to the release on parole of certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 18 years of age; changing parole eligibility.

HB 1408 - Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

HB 1412 - Relating to the continuation of medical assistance benefits for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.

HB 1415 - Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.

HB 1464 - Relating to step therapy protocols required by a health benefit plan in connection with prescription drug coverage.

HB 1486 - Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

HB 1488 - Relating to eligibility requirements for repayment assistance for certain mental health professional education loans.

SB 1533 Relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

HB 1549

Relating to the provision of services by the Department of Family and Protective Services, including child protective services and prevention and early intervention services.

HB 1566 Relating to mediation of the settlement of certain out-of-network health benefit claims involving balance billing.

HB 1599 - Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child.

HB 1600 - Relating to certain mental health screenings under the Texas Health Steps program.

HB 1609 Relating to the system by which an application for a low income housing tax credit is scored.

HB 1697 Relating to the establishment of a pediatric health electronic access in rural Texas grant program.

HB 1734 - Relating to the continuation of certain public benefits, including medical assistance, for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.

HB 1758 - Relating to the provision of certain behavioral health services to children, adolescents, and their families under a contract with a managed care organization.

HB 1787 - Relating to the execution of a declaration for mental health treatment.

HB 1917 - Relating to contract requirements for prescription drug benefits provided by

Medicaid managed care organizations.

HB 1972 - Relating to the model training curriculum and required training for certain school district peace officers and school resource officers

HB 1983 - Relating to the eligibility of a firefighter or a peace officer for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

HB 2094 - Relating to coverage for serious mental illness, other disorders, and chemical dependency under certain health benefit plans.

HB 2096 Relating to access to and benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

HB 2135 - Relating to coverage for certain services and the provision of certain information relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs.

HB 2258 – Relating to the establishment of the student mental health division within the Texas Education Agency.

HB 2303 Relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

HB 2402 Relating to an acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds for emergency detention and treatment of certain individuals.

HB 2406 Relating to the donation of a brain on a decedent's death.

HB 2415 Relating to standards for mental health services provided to certain individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

HB 2425 Relating to a requirement that a hospital allow a patient to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instruction regarding the patient.

HB 2446 Relating to a report on the consolidation of the health and human services system, including advisory committees within the system, and the re-creation of the Texas system of care framework.

HB 2447 Relating to the composition of the statewide health coordinating council.

HB 2466 Relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

HB 2467 Relating to a grant program to support the provision of critical incident stress debriefing to certain peace officers.

HB 2478 Relating to an innovation grant program to support residency training programs in psychiatric specialty fields.

HB 2571 Relating to establishment of a research and clinical care center for combat-related posttraumatic stress disorder and related conditions.

HB 2603
Relating to coverage for serious mental illness under certain group health benefit plans.

HB 2604 Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.

HB 2605 Relating to benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

HB 2619 Relating to a grant program administered by the governor's criminal justice division to implement practices to maintain peace officers' mental health.

HB 2697 Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services.

HB 2702 Relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses and the confinement or release of those individuals prior to prosecution.

HB 2786 Relating to a system of care framework for certain minors receiving mental health services.

HB 2866 Relating to mental health assessments and the provision of mental health services for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 2882 Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.

HB 2895 Relating to the requirement that certain public institutions of higher education post mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

HB 2896 Relating to an annual report on laws regarding access, use, and sharing of protected health information.

HB 2897 Relating to the mental health first aid program training and reporting.

HB 3032 Relating to the creation by the Texas Veterans Commission of a veteran suicide prevention action plan.

HB 3080 Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

HB 3083 Relating to eligibility requirements for the repayment of certain mental health professional education loans.

HB 3143 Relating to mental health professional staffing requirements at certain public institutions of higher education.

HB 3340 Relating to the provision of information regarding firearm safety and suicide prevention.

HB 3353 Relating to the certification, training, and supervision of certified family partners and the provision of peer support services by certified family partners to the family or primary caregiver of certain children with serious emotional disturbance, including the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

HB 3407 Relating to the establishment of a task force to address suicide prevention at public institutions of higher education.

HB 3408 Relating to required suicide prevention training for certain health care practitioners.

HB 3428 Relating to prescription medications for the care and treatment of inmates and prisoners in county jails.

HB 3449 Relating to staff development requirements for public school educators regarding mental health and suicide prevention.

HB 3556 Relating to the mental health program for veterans.

HB 3653 Relating to eligibility for supplemental financial assistance provided to certain grandparents.

HB 3715 Relating to statewide alerts for missing adults.

HB 3732 Relating to prescription drug benefits under the Medicaid program.

HB 3756 Relating to state mental health benefits provided to certain spouses or former spouses of veterans.

HB 3842 Relating to transferring the Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities to The University of Texas at Austin.

HB 3844 Relating to the independent ombudsman for county jails.

HB 3891 Relating to coverage for eating disorders under certain health benefit plans.

HB 4117 Relating to the creation of the county jail telemental health fund.

HB 4172 Relating to training for law enforcement officers and officials; authorizing a fee.

HB 4237 Relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

HB 4258 Relating to a study on mental health screening and treatment for certain inmates confined in county and municipal jails.

AGAINST:

SB 268 - Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

SB 1310 Relating to elimination of the requirement that a school district establish a local school health advisory council.

SB 1316 Relating to staff development in suicide prevention for public school educators.

HB 383 Relating to enhancing the penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders.

HB 436 - Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

HB 542 - Relating to the drug screening and testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the medical assistance program.

HB 577 - Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce certain regulations regarding whether a private employer may obtain or consider an employment applicant's or employee's criminal history record information.

HB 640 - Relating to the authority of a county or municipality to regulate the location of halfway houses; providing a criminal penalty.

HB 775 - Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

HB 1206 - Relating to allowing Medicaid managed care organizations to adopt their own drug formularies.

HB 1792 - Relating to the evaluation of an application for a low income housing tax credit.

HB 2939 Relating to contracts with private entities to operate state hospitals for persons with mental illness.

HB 3836 Relating to importing pharmaceuticals from a foreign country.

HB 4206 Relating to elimination of the requirement that a school district establish a local school health advisory council.