NAMI TX Legislative Proposal Position List
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NAMI Texas Championed Bills and Resolutions:

HB 18 (Price) - 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 programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel (Companion bill: SB 913 by Sen. Watson).

HB 471 (Thierry) - Relating to required suicide prevention training for certain health care practitioners.

HB 1389 (Thompson) - Relating to the placement on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, of a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child.

HB 2507 (Lucio) - Relating to the regulation of short-term limited-duration health insurance policies.

HB 1511 (Coleman) - Relating to required coverage for eating disorders under group health benefit plans.

HB 1602 (Hernandez) - Relating to the time at which instruction may begin in public schools; making an appropriation.

HB 1792 (Klick) - Relating to the authority of certain advanced practice registered nurses.

HB 1936 (Rose) - Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

HB 2080 (Coleman) - Relating to family partners, family partner peer support services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

HB 2099 (Lambert) - Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.

HB 2618 (Walle) - Relating to the maternal peer support pilot program for perinatal mood disorder.

HB 2693 (Thierry) - Relating to the establishment of a grant program to enhance community-based suicide prevention efforts.

HB 2707 (Price) - Relating to the expansion of the community mental health grant program to include services to and treatment of individuals with substance use disorders.

HB 3003 (Talarico) - Relating to the designation of liaison officers at public institutions of higher education to assist certain students who are parents.

HB 3235 (Ramos) - Relating to staff development requirements for public educators regarding suicide prevention training.

HB 3407 (Jarvis Johnson) - Relating to an alert for a missing person with a guardian.

HB 3411 (Allison) - Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

HB 3489 (Cole) - Relating to the establishment of a task force on sex-based harassment in public schools.

HB 3519 (Allison) - Relating to disclosure of confidential patient information by a physician or mental health professional.

HB 3888 (Ramos) - Relating to a school district's plan for parental involvement concerning mental health and substance use issues and suicide prevention.

HB 3980 (Hunter) - Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.

HB 4138 (Klick) - Relating to the process for determining the Medicaid eligibility of certain former foster care youth.
HB 4193 (Allison) - Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

SB 556 (Kolkhorst) - Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for dental services provided to adults with disabilities.

SB 580 (Campbell) - Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.

SB 1145 (Johnson) - Relating to reports on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder-related deaths in this state.

SB 1176 (Menendez) - Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.

SB 1390 (Menendez) - Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

SB 2110 (Watson) - Relating to the process for determining the Medicaid eligibility of certain former foster care youth.

SB 2218 (Zaffirini) - Relating to coverage for serious mental illness, other disorders, and chemical dependency under certain health benefit plans.

SB 2301 (Powell) - Relating to the maternal peer support pilot program for perinatal mood disorder.

SB 2389 (Powell) - Relating to the designation of liaison officers at public institutions of higher education to assist certain students who are parents.

**NAMI Texas supports:**
Department of Family and Protective Services, Exceptional Item 5: Child Protective Services Initiatives and Operations

Department of Family and Protective Services, Exceptional Item 7: Child Protective Investigations Initiatives and Operations

Department of Family and Protective Services, Exceptional Item 8: Expanded Prevention and Early Intervention Programs

-Texas Education Agency, Rider 74: Texas Safe and Healthy Schools Initiative

HB 10 (Rep. S. Thompson): Relating to grants and programs for researching and treating behavioral health and psychiatric issues.

HB 25 (Rep. M. Gonzalez): Relating to the provision of services to certain children under the Medicaid medical transportation program.


HB 72 (Rep. White): Relating to the continuation of Medicaid benefits provided to certain children adopted from the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 116 (Rep. M Gonzalez): Relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students. (Companion bill: SB 293 by Sen. Lucio).

HB 129 (Rep. Bernal): Relating to the assignment of certain certified or licensed professionals to certain public schools.


HB 253 (Rep. Farrar): Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.


HB 374 (Rep. Allen): Relating to a community supervision and corrections department policy regarding supervision officer meetings and visits.

HB 394 (Rep. Minjarez): Relating to the duties of a hearing officer following a Health and Human Services Commission fair hearing regarding the denial of certain services.


HB 475 (Rep. Howard): Relating to information for foster children who are pregnant or minor parents.


HB 1069 (Rep. Price): 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 programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel. (Companion bill: SB 913 by Sen. Watson).


HB 1302 (Rep. S. Davis): Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Research Institute; authorizing the issuance of bonds.

HB 1312 (Rep. Moody): 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. (Companion bill: SB 2395 by Sen. Menendez).


HB 1389 (Rep. S. Thompson): Relating to the placement on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, of a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child.


HB 1623 (Rep. Coleman): Relating to training for public school personnel to identify and intervene if a student suffers from behavioral health issues.

HB 1669 (Rep. Lucio): Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state that serves persons with mental health and substance use issues. (Companion bill: SB 429 by Sen. Lucio).


HB 2028 (Rep. Julie Johnson): Relating to the provision of information to certain women enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program.


HB 2032 (Rep. John Turner): Relating to the health literacy advisory committee and health literacy in the state health plan.


HB 2114 (Rep. Martinez Fischer): Relating to health benefit plan coverage of preexisting conditions.


HB 2158 (Rep. White): Relating to certain programs and services for inmates and state jail felony defendants, including the creation of a work release program and the availability of peer support services.


HB 2405 (Rep. Bowers): Relating to education and training for peace officers regarding trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with homeless individuals.

HB 2448 (Rep. Reynolds): Relating to a strategic plan to reduce recidivism by facilitating stable employment for persons who are preparing to reenter communities of this state after incarceration.


HB 2600 (Rep. Coleman): Relating to coverage for certain services relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs.

HB 2701 (Rep. White): Relating to county jailer training and continuing education requirements regarding interacting with pregnant women confined in jail.

HB 2707 (Rep. Price): Relating to the expansion of the community mental health grant program to include services to and treatment of individuals with substance use disorders.

HB 2744 (Rep. Neave): Relating to the access of a female inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to certain educational and vocational programs and services.


HB 2774 (Rep. Wilson): Relating to the provision of behavioral health services for certain persons under the medical assistance program.


HB 2897 (Rep. Parker): Relating to the provision of services by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's developmentally disabled offender program.

HB 2936 (Rep. Hinojosa): Relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness.
HB 2938 (Rep. Hinojosa): Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient in certain mental health proceedings.

HB 2941 (Rep. Guillen): Relating to requiring each state agency to post on the agency's Internet website information on suicide prevention for certain individuals.

HB 2954 (Rep. Ramos) Relating to school district grace period policies and the provision of meals to public school students with insufficient balances on prepaid meal cards or in meal accounts.


HB 3116 (Rep. White): Relating to the establishment of a task force to conduct a comprehensive study on best practice standards for the detention of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.


HB 3345 (Rep. Price): Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

HB 3409 (Rep. Reynolds): Relating to requirements for training regarding trauma for judges, prosecuting attorneys, correctional officers, and law enforcement officers.

HB 3478 (S. Davis): Relating to an independent medical review of certain determinations by the Health and Human Services Commission or a Medicaid managed care organization.


HB 3536 (Rep. Rose): Relating to the admission, examination, and discharge of a person for voluntary mental health services.


HB 3591 (Rep. Zwiener): Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons who are younger than 26 years of age.
HB 3630 (Rep. Meyer): Relating to prohibiting the use of certain behavioral interventions on students enrolled in public school who receive special education services. (Companion bill: SB 712 by Sen. Lucio)

HB 3776 (Rep. Bernal): Relating to establishing a program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage to certain children through the private marketplace.

HB 3814 (Rep. Morrison): Relating to a reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking at certain public and private institutions of higher education; creating a criminal offense; authorizing administrative penalties.


HB 4107 (Rep. Wu): Relating to establishing a restorative justice program for certain student conduct constituting a criminal offense that occurs on school property, on school transportation, or at school-sponsored or school-related activities.

HB 4094 (Rep. Beckley): Relating to school district grace period policies and the provision of meals to public school students with insufficient balances on prepaid meal cards or meal accounts.

HB 4098 (Rep. Beckley): Relating to reports of sexual assault made to public or private institutions of higher education.

HB 4183 (Rep. Parker) Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.


HB 4268 (Rep. Wu): Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.


HB 4455 (Rep. Miller): Relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.
HB 4466 (Rep. Meza): Relating to the prohibition of the provision of conversion therapy to a child by certain providers; creating a criminal offense; increasing criminal penalties.

HB 4513 (Rep. Hunter): Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.

HB 4514 (Rep. Hunter): Relating to the requirement that the Texas Veterans Commission provide training to support the veterans mental health program.

HB 4532 (Rep. Hunter): Relating to the development and posting by county governments of lists of local mental health resources available to the public.

HB 4596 (Rep. Collier): Relating to ensuring the continued provision of benefits under Medicaid and the supplemental nutrition assistance program for the children of individuals confined in a penal or correctional institution.

HB 4604 (Rep. White): Relating to pretrial diversion programs funded by the community justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the provision of training and technical assistance provided by the division.

HB 4606 (Rep. White): Relating to youth diversion programs for children accused of certain fine-only offenses and related criminal justice matters; authorizing and imposing fees.


HCR 81 (Rep. Hunter): Requesting the lieutenant governor and speaker to create a joint interim committee to study suicide prevention in Texas.

HHSC Exceptional Item 7: Funding Expanded Capacity at Renovated State Hospitals (Comprehensive Plan Phase I Projects)

HHSC Exceptional Item 11: Enhance Mental Health Capacity

HHSC Exceptional Item 16: targeted pay increases for critical front-line regulatory and facility staff in high turnover or hard-to-fill positions at state hospitals

HHSC Exceptional Item 19: Ensure Services for Individuals Experiencing Early Psychosis

HHSC Exceptional Item 20: Ensure Access to Residential Treatment Center Beds for Children

HHSC Exceptional Item 21: Substance Use Disorder Treatment

HHSC Exceptional Item 22: new IDD community outpatient mental health services at LIDDAs to provide integrated physical and behavioral health services for people with IDD, preventing crisis situations.
HHSC Exceptional Item 27: Improve Capacity for Community Inpatient Psychiatric Services

HHSC Exceptional Item 32: Increase Availability of Child Advocacy Services Throughout the State for CASA and CACs

HHSC Exceptional Item 34: Enhance Services for the Family Violence Program

HHSC Exceptional 37: Maintain Service Levels for Mental Health Grant Programs

HHSC Exceptional Item 43: Enhance Real-Time Behavioral Health Data Sharing

HHSC Exceptional Item 49: Pediatric Telemedicine Grant Program for Rural Texas

HJR 5: Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Public Finance Authority to fund research, treatment, and access to services in this state for behavioral health, mental health, and substance use and addiction issues.

HJR 40 (Rep. Israel): Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

HJR 46 (Rep. Bucy): Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

HJR 92 (Rep. Reynolds): Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.


SB 61 (Sen. Zaffirini): Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for firearm safety devices and educational materials.

SB 63 (Sen. Nelson): Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

SB 71 (Sen. Nelson): Relating to the establishment of a statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination.

SB 107 (Sen. Menendez): Relating to coverage for serious mental illness under certain group health benefit plans.

SB 145 (Sen. Rodriguez): Relating to health benefit plan coverage in this state.


SB 293 (Sen. Lucio): Relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students. (Companion bill: HB 116 by Rep. M. Gonzalez).


SB 307 (Sen. Watson): Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women for behavioral health services after a pregnancy.


SB 344 (Sen. Watson): Relating to the participation of campus-based mental health professionals in certain health benefit plans.

SB 355 (Sen. West): Relating to developing a strategic plan to ensure the provision of prevention and early intervention services complies with federal law. (Companion bill: HB 4263 by Rep. Klick).

SB 429 (Sen. Lucio): Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state to serve persons with mental health and substance use issues. (Companion bill: HB 1669 by Rep. Lucio).


SB 637 (Sen. Zaffirini): Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

SB 825 (Sen. Watson): Relating to health benefit plan coverage of preexisting conditions and the guaranteed issue of certain health benefit plans.

SB 913 (Sen. Watson): 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 programs and services, and health care services for students and to mental health first aid program training and reporting regarding local mental health authority and school district personnel. (Companion bill: HB 18 by Rep. Price, HB 1069 by Rep. Price)


SB 1145 (Sen. Johnson): Relating to reports on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder-related deaths in this state.


SB 1251 (Sen. Menendez): Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.


SB 1530 (Sen. Hancock): Relating to the applicability of mediation requirements for balance billing to certain health benefit plans. (Companion bill: HB 3299 by Rep. Lucio)


SB 1878 (Sen. West): Relating to a mental health professional to school law enforcement official ratio for public schools.
SB 2003 (Sen. Whitmire): 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.

SB 2040 (Sen. Rodriguez): Relating to a report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates and access to care.

SB 2110 (Sen. Watson): Relating to the process for determining the Medicaid eligibility of certain former foster care youth.

SB 2218 (Sen. Zaffirini): Relating to coverage for serious mental illness, other disorders, and chemical dependency under certain health benefit plans.

SB 2132 (Sen. Powell): Relating to the provision of information to certain women enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program.

SB 2148 (Sen. Zaffirini) Relating to the review of clemency applications from certain persons who were victims of human trafficking or family violence.

SB 2186 (Sen. Whitmire): Relating to pretrial diversion programs funded by the community justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the provision of training and technical assistance provided by the division.

SB 2191 (Sen. Whitmire): Relating to the confinement of a defendant pending trial.

SB 2242 (Sen. Whitmire): Relating to youth diversion programs for children accused of certain fine-only offenses and related criminal justice matters; authorizing and imposing fees.

SB 2281 (Sen. West): Relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health in the required curriculum for public school students. (Companion bill: HB 204 by Rep. Thierry.)


SB 2302 (Sen. Powell): Relating to the inclusion of school climate in the indicators for evaluating the performance of public schools.

SB 2384 (Sen. Watson): Relating to the establishment of the Office for Sexual Assault Survivor Assistance within the criminal justice division of the governor's office.

SB 2391 (Sen Powell): Relating to use of compensatory education allotment funding to provide assistance to students at risk of dropping out of school who are pregnant or who are parents and to reporting through the Public Education Information Management System.
SB 2395 (Sen. Menendez): 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.

SB 2407 (Sen. Menendez): Relating to the regulation of short-term limited-duration health insurance policies.

SJR 34 (Sen. Johnson): Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

TDCJ Exceptional Item 3: therapeutic diversion from administrative segregation

TDCJ Exceptional Item 4: Probation Specialized Programs - Treatment/Supervision

TDCJ Exceptional Item 6: Offender Health Care

TDCJ Exceptional Item 8: Additional TCOOMMI Funding

Texas Education Agency Exceptional Item 1: Safe and Healthy Schools Initiative

**NAMI Texas opposes:**

SB 17 (Sen. Perry): Relating to discrimination by a state agency against an applicant for or holder of an occupational license.

SB 85 (Sen. Hall): Relating to the regulation of the conduct of certain counseling professions.

SB 2289 (Sen. Fallon): Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

HB 437 (Rep. Shaheen): Relating to allowing Medicaid managed care organizations to adopt their own drug formularies.


HB 4269 (Rep. Zedler) Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking and receiving financial assistance or supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

HB 4357 (Rep. Sanford): Relating to the authority of a mental health provider to offer services or counseling based on the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs.

HCR 29 (Rep. Landgraf): Urging Congress to establish a Medicaid block grant program for Texas.