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Billno	Catch line	Chief Patron	Committee	Last Event	Position	Date
HB1578	Office of the State Inspector General; behavioral health and developmental services; required reports.	Campbell	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1636	Civil immunity; health care professionals; professional programs related to career fatigue and wellness.	Hope	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1637	Opioid antagonists; dispensing and administration by person acting on behalf of an organization.	Hope	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Support; identical to SB790	2/18/2025
HB1641	State plan for medical assistance services and health insurance; pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.	Hope	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1649	Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.	Hayes	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor; identical to SB740	2/18/2025
HB1712	Persons, certain; definitions, arrest with or without a warrant not required.	Watts	House	Conference report agreed to by House (60-Y 39-N)	Support	2/22/2025
HB1713	Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets; Behavioral Health Docket Act.	Watts	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/22/2025
HB1728	Child victims and witnesses; using two-way closed-circuit television.	Delaney	House	Bill text as passed House and Senate	Support	2/20/2025

HB1730	Personal injury or death by wrongful act; liability of employer to vulnerable victims.	Delaney	Senate	Signed by President	Actively oppose; identical to SB894	2/22/2025
HB1733	Children; petitions for relief of care & custody, investigation by local dept. of social services.	Cole	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB1760	Mental health for children 5 yrs. of age or younger; DBHDS, et al., to develop screening, etc.	Gardner	House	Senate Amendment agreed to by House (64-Y 31-N)	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB1800	Persons with disabilities; rights to the full and free use of public playgrounds.	Cohen	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Support	2/18/2025
HB1805	Individuals w/disabilities; postsecondary transition planning & services, documentation or evidence.	Cohen	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1806	Students with disabilities; individualized accommodations and supports during emergency evacuations.	Cohen	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB1827	Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health.	Simonds	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB1861	Department of Health Professions; health regulatory boards; regulations; licensure by endorsement.	Price	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1877	Barrier crimes; peer recovery specialists; screening requirements.	Callsen	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Actively Support	2/18/2025

HB1880	Public schools; enrollment of certain military children with disabilities; provision of special education services and accommodations.	Sewell	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Support	2/18/2025
HB1895	Involuntary temporary detention orders; amends definition of 'psychiatric emergency department.'	Willett	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1897	Master's social worker; scope of practice, regulations.	Willett	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB1923	Health insurance; reimbursement for services rendered by certain practitioners, etc.	Ward	Senate	Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/21/2025
HB1928	Minimum wage.	Ward	Labor and Commerce	Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)	Monitor	2/19/2025
HB1937	Acute psychiatric bed registry; patient privacy and data security, etc.	Hope	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor; identical to SB1439	2/18/2025
HB1945	Student access to telehealth services; school division policies.	Reaser	Education	Senate substitute agreed to by House (52-Y 43-N)	Monitor; identical to SB1037	2/19/2025
HB1946	Retail tobacco and hemp products; smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age, prohibitions.	Hope	Senate	Conference report agreed to by Senate (36-Y 2-N)	Monitor	2/21/2025
HB1947	Department of Education; survey of local education agencies on school-based mental and behavioral health services; report.	Seibold	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor; identical to SB768	2/18/2025
HB2029	Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled individuals.	Hernandez	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Support	2/18/2025

HB2040	Speech-language pathology assistants; licensure, qualifications, scope of practice.	Seibold	Education and Health	Senate substitute agreed to by House (88-Y 7-N)	Support	2/19/2025
HB2082	Department of Medical Assistance Services; appeals of agency determinations.	Hope	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Support	2/18/2025
HB2085	Health insurance; carrier business practices, method of payment for claims.	Shin	Senate	Signed by President	Support	2/20/2025
HB2099	Health insurance; required provisions regarding prior authorization for health care services.	Maldonado	Senate	Signed by President	Support	2/20/2025
HB2116	Driver's licenses and identification cards; indication of non-apparent disability.	Keys-Gamarra	Senate	Signed by President	Support	2/20/2025
HB2130	Juvenile respondent in protective order proceeding; other dispositions.	Keys-Gamarra	House	Bill text as passed House and Senate	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB2253	Nursing homes; establishes procedures for implementation of sanctions, civil penalty.	Wachsmann	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor; identical to SB1383	2/18/2025
HB2260	Child in need of services; expands definition.	Delaney	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/22/2025
HB2457	Foster care; State Bd. of Social Services to amend regulations, application for and use of benefits.	Glass	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Support	2/18/2025
HB2472	Juveniles; fingerprints, palm prints, and photographs, effective date.	Batten	Senate	Signed by President	Oppose	2/20/2025
HB2485	Cannabis control; establishes framework for creating retail market, penalties.	Krizek	General Laws	Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)	Monitor	2/12/2025

HB2534	Nonhospitalized individuals; crisis stabilization services.	Sewell	Senate	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Support; identical to SB1304	2/18/2025
HB2543	Model memorandum of understanding; counseling from school counselors by way of telehealth.	Laufer	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor	2/18/2025
HB2606	Education, Board of; regulations relating to special education due process hearings.	Ware	Senate	Conference report agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/21/2025
HB2637	Mental health first aid training program; Department of Education, et. al., to develop.	LeVere Bolling	Education and health	Senate substitute agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N)	Monitor; identical to SB1377 and SB1381	2/19/2025
HB2647	Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use, effective date.	Keys-Gamarra	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor; identical to SB1409	2/22/2025
HB2657	Involuntary manslaughter; certain drug offenses.	Thomas	Senate	Conference report agreed to by Senate (35-Y 4-N)	Oppose; identical to SB746	2/21/2025
HB2738	Health insurance; coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders.	Sickles	House	Senate Amendments agreed to by House (83-Y 15-N)	Monitor	2/20/2025
HB2746	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Tran	Courts of Justice	Signed by President	Support; identical to SB765	2/20/2025
HB2754	Behavioral health services; correctional facilities, exchange of medical/mental health information.	Singh	Education and Health	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	Monitor; incorporated HB2290, HB2655, and HB2752; identical to SB870	2/18/2025

SB740	Medicine, Board of; continuing education, unconscious bias and cultural competency.	Locke	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor; identical to HB1649	2/20/2025
SB746	Felony homicide; certain drug offenses, penalty.	McDougle	Senate	Conference report agreed to by Senate (34- Y 3-N)	Oppose; identical to HB2657	2/21/2025
SB752	Bd. of Psychology, et al., to study education, training, etc.	Favola	Senate	Bill text as passed Senate and House	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB768	School-based mental and behavioral health services; DOE to survey local education agencies, report.	Favola	House	Passed House (97-Y 1- N)	Monitor; identical to HB1947	2/20/2025
SB774	Essential health benefits benchmark plan review; members of stakeholder work group.	Surovell	Senate	Bill text as passed Senate and House	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB778	Juveniles; adjudication of delinquency, when and how child may be taken into immediate custody.	Locke	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB819	Community-based outpatient stabilization programs for voluntary treatment; referrals.	Favola	Senate	Bill text as passed Senate and House	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB838	Recovery residences; certification required penalty, report.	VanValkenburg	Senate	House Amendments agreed to by Senate (38- Y 0-N)	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB870	Behavioral health services; correctional facilities, exchange of medical/mental health information.	Favola	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor; identical to HB2754 (incorporated HB2290, HB2655, HB2752)	2/20/2025

SB894	Personal injury or death by wrongful act; liability of employer to vulnerable victims.	Perry	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Actively oppose; identical to HB1730	2/20/2025
SB1013	Neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense to prosecution.	Boysko	Senate	House substitute agreed to by Senate (23- Y 16-N)	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB1038	Telehealth visits for patients with disabilities; best practice educational training.	Perkarsky	Senate	Bill text as passed Senate and House	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB1110	Weapons; possession prohibited in a hospital that provides mental health or developmental services.	Williams Graves	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor	2/20/2025
SB1304	Nonhospitalized individuals; crisis stabilization services.	McPike	Senate	Signed by President	Support; identical to HB2534	2/20/2025
SB1372	Children; petitions for relief of care & custody, investigation by local dept. of social services.	Suetterlein	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor	2/18/2025
SB1377	Mental Health First Aid Program; DOE, et al., to develop, participation by school staff & students.	Hashmi	Senate	Passed House (97-Y 0- N)	Monitor; identical to SB1381 and HB2637	2/19/2025
SB1383	Nursing homes; establishes procedures for implementation of sanctions, civil penalty.	Aird	Senate	Bill text as passed Senate and House	Monitor; identical to HB2253	2/18/2025
SB1409	Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use, effective date.	Bagby	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025	Monitor; identical to HB2647	2/20/2025
SB1439	Acute psychiatric bed registry; patient privacy and data security, etc.	Durant	Senate	Signed by President	Monitor; identical to HB1937	2/20/2025

Dead Bills						
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SB747	Juvenile & domestic relations district courts; delinquent juveniles; social assessment & evaluation.	Favola	Courts of Justice	Left in Courts of Justice	Monitor	2/18/2025
SB765	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Favola	Courts of Justice	Left in Courts of Justice	Support; identical to HB2746	2/18/2025
SB773	Foster care; housing services, housing plan, report.	Favola	Rehabilitation and Social Services	Left in Appropriations	Support	2/18/2025
SB841	Opioid treatment programs; dispensing, medications from mobile units.	Favola	Committee on Health and Human Services	Left in Appropriations	Support	2/18/2025
SB869	Autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability; custodial interrogation of person.	Favola	Courts of Justice	Left in Courts of Justice	Support	2/18/2025