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[**Click here to find your legislator!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQaOoeoUEQC0gCyCG9aFMh6R8ytOAz9RoMmGISGCIZkwFOzdTK5fcNyAAkFMJbkfoLaW9SxAQpQBEwGAy1Xf8UISuAypnarR3CGrjyUiES0G1ymY-1_qD_gwy4jmSzHTvgEeRiN0V6_8HdaAzMfvxEg-Sbe3aMuUysaLIVUV1DdpueVJRIF0KxKlFVilRAMJq4m&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==)    [Senate Bill 1218](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQaL0yXTqEkkBXFW-ZnYGovI_oqCCetmO_VxhzCEmZE10O8CckpZnCbKJb3yz-8YlL3JvZMZHP9ZE4vcFx5kNOKiC0N9D4QgczXtDAlHNHQ8TmNxvlew0cCq__co8FLA2MLzz2onTlI2NBsIXRnyUskwdWCGJgYQtsHgeLYEt-9aSc5FjwAcrgLJE6KWUyvIMpihaqaUFccFaSkrvqIU6aZ-mbvpTX-G1Wbx7jMC4oq_KeXA0KVK0DtgA==&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 1745) would amend the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 mandating the Department of Human Services to develop standardized mental health crisis intervention and emergency services training for county mental health and intellectual disability administrators and designated representatives. Representatives are individuals whose duties include intake, screening, assessment, review, assistance or referral for voluntary and involuntary crisis and emergency services. The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee has considered the bill twice and it is now in Appropriations. During the initial consideration by the committee, Chairman Pat Vance (R-31) stated that DHS in conjunction with the county administrators would create the standards.    [Senate Bill 1279](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQancFzX-x7g8lc243iqSmehfOwshAPPCwJF9bGnXzRITvY2Zx0UndbaQ5MI67xwZMwV1Z-wCLyZJvwuedekMIg29UpF4GaJLj2Z8Ip7OqUGdaTQus6GbvCoGKeunTshdZlMz1uuad3Lb0Fdq_Hq-7SHMAySsStKAgclCzKmVOMfBIgQEj1eaQeMGIiyqiawC9nbVBTiEUT1KWTKcamwKYpzUeERiARYUVgUr2CG2BHVgU=&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 1859) would suspend Medical Assistance benefits rather than terminate them for enrolled individuals who become incarcerated. Senator Vance (R-31) and Kitchen (D-3) introduced the bill on June 2, which was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.    [House Bill 2028](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQa-_UcjJhA_TmKTOJkZncc-l6vnRveZfXAn8UK3AbxbaqwQOgQbp4E-5RDN6b1-P5teOUFxXUVzTvVGYE2UjEmPAd0COsLm4d8EgzYijgsfOJQtb6zropSW6iT7mRnHb0wZqAOhvd8nMqPgJ8xhe7T1l-pHR_inxZYutik1GYul7EZXNmpchwuMa6XJaIbUkh5J-WKVRZfE4AaE7-tO3eQKCIRPFkQKEmyrDjQFME8fhU=&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 3608) would establish the Psychiatric Oversight Act to address psychiatric supervision requirements in outpatient psychiatric clinics. Representative Pickett (R-110) introduced the legislation in an effort to meet growing demand and to take into account all prescribing professionals. The bill does not reflect the draft outpatient regulations under final review in the Department of Human Services.    [Senate Bill 1326](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQa9pOEKnQOfnJQngMgUpw3oy9ugIENEr2JMXQ8HIS3RKB0pa4OzmjrQWxvH_JvvnTEORJ6SY3HZDioBAh03_53Kh2sqCyNR7bK9KAGH52bcJT4gUy01fD7OEBbzAx1AjF4LfdxB9m-vcIWybrxgHu6UtrD-ElDfcQ8r4Se6VMnKbiirj32tmNGY3JypO53UsoRNdOec55qQt64HFs-nBhp7JJnepj9gmj6vbUq9gy_qns=&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 1948) would provide five additional points in grading Civil Service examinations to individuals who voluntarily disclose and provide documentation of having a disability as defined in the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. The bill was referred to State Government Committee on June 20.    [**House Bill 2173**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQa6TwKCnuu4Za9w8kyFdh1BKhcxdE0TFndOYR8tQUbWp8MhMsYMIKJGNLR-KgBubVnmE3YISHkHV_8X50NSi0_bJr3K9aP62AN9hSWG9TYw7l4JNBKIeFZ-sA8G9JGs1-T3ULJmxdqMgwolpIFRZGAHFAKlK95aDN1qsQI6BmV7M6zpsKHjXc5Kv6x7QwVr-W5M09e58os8iHxmfffJ7nb23vS1Qv4rkEG7v6r0Xy1w3o=&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 3566) was introduced by Representative Murt (R-152) in an effort to strengthen enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act of 2008 passed by Congress. The bill is now in the Insurance Committee.    [**House Bill 2211**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQa8HisE06JuXiGZ22_GUliQgZpJxC5m8byuLUC_Kqn-GI_zfgZQrM-bVl0vejmBp6DYpPJE2mhpkF5qatwBEyaM4XHxxtS9UqpbDowwRXG08rnEAAe7H_OT1de9JGv66KDykXx_vN97z1kKaGOklUDueobX_NH10haK_OBVYsJXaOleikvJo7UtcHoOhg5xucCVXByvFPZw6QqdcaY-jEobDutsgaVaQEe8FecAU4WxNyKPMoboNthAOAzB0yGQM7DPlmacOQSe6E5jr4GoJ_Zd4OErsLhF-outLjb093wKNZL4VEZhhOLHw==&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==) (PN 3606), introduced by Representatives Baker (R-68) and Fabrizio (R-2) on June 22, would extend annual assessment   in the Human Services Code and place the eHealth Partnership program  under the Department of Human Services. The annual a   |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | http://files.ctctcdn.com/7b9c1a0b101/5a78b034-4e8f-4e64-9b24-b524e007846d.png |   ssessments for nursing home,Philadelphia hospitals and Inter  mediate Care Facilities all expire June 30, 2016. The Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership is a current initiative intended to enable the secure exchange of electronic health information. The bill in in the Health Committee.    **CONGRESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH REFORM MOVES IN HOUSE**    During the course of the past year, the House Energy and Commerce Committee has heavily debated the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act ([HR 2646](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQa47geF5hXMnDA6FHhfvC38wrkgiZ7g72N4R65FDdByfMwZul4H-0TDdVEZxmm624Z1Iq70yPE-LJWVbMK7KpkU3Vh6ccc47ISVV84hUFKhZTmcrs5z9JrbI4WJzyXcj6OhJlvHHPVHGIU1ZT2YbU5wyeU_IS-m6VXyP4kNZHBomeAPqlW7YR6fcWo2GZGOq0TwUJyqg5n1K2ow4I_gg_4cLjRyjVeflOTPG9TdzEVxf8aRJbWsYu2yL8m7CzVmPAJSEJBoQLD89Q4UNBgjftbD4y5ikXK8II9_HwAGvXKWvK5iYEQqYZgkJ_0crm0ssCQ&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==)). The committee dramatically changed the original proposal introduced by Representative Tim Murphy (R-PA). Some notable changes include creating an incentive rather than a mandate Assisted Outpatient Treatment and removal of changes regarding sharing of patient information. The current bill looks similar to the [S. 2680](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQamSy_5DkN_2Q9ahcty9k2cx9j2gRrgNDj1fCtDcN1FNM9XKeyjO5HvzPLwebG8hEWOGWIJm4LepsZUJaeJEUkL3fSF755hkd4XDXCyHJAsZXWbVYblmsCgIZD2d0X4ofZoqDNQC0hfjyxB9QKMUnXjEbCDluCzYYjS31MdcDBjRJg1YTFhVZrWA==&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==), Mental Health Reform Act of 2016, in the Senate.    **CONGRESSIONAL BILL TO EXPAND CHILD WELFARE SCOPE TO INCLUDE NEW SERVICES**    This month the House passed [H.R. 5456](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iTE9GwrUMaQaHZP1z321YcDJVRDYTeg6DQvh-lBcDLxf8gUcX99RPY_ZoC_GSowcrOQ4sFG2Y-tvPXlDbK4CXROIx1cgqX1AGqdns70nrTe4Mp8A5b7GWXEELuXdLu-YLWOwV8Wy5Sr84obdJ0YD8W1MN4aMdNrLEiCWW-KbcgPpYXx6Lc6kKQjItX4i6YFmkXWhKAG4WFPeetE6SWIvEAt6c1e91aPL8-D9pIf28W3_cRLZ4njy4ojorukNoTmJk4YFeVWIJqrlENrsf4pte8GntfLPkLQO9Q==&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==), Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. The bill would expand funding for earlier intervention and family services to keep children safely supported at home with their family. Federal child welfare funding under Title IV E and B of the Social Security Act could pay for mental health, substance abuse, parenting programs and prevention services. The Senate has a comparable bill championed by Finance Chairman Hatch (R-UT) and Ron Wyden (D-OR). |  |  | | --- | | Debbie Moritz  Executive Director  NAMI PA, Bucks County Chapter  [www.namibuckspa.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WDdgNfWILoHpq-56c1jFNSDvhXzvu1zOlxwagRNhHePeZeaLnrW9iWiLKcDNv7M4KD1UGBwvuaau6pk2u_zzb4yIbvLD0eV7hm6GmxfyUeoeyME1IaZC7sKXxo43pK8V3zFKhtqrVbjQEBJy2krEi32kSzqW_6QUhI6TxaE21rk=&c=lH0ALHOOT35uxdsCXBkksp9Yln1AZP0yVRP2HAeKJJYRPBim8GDgbg==&ch=8kIls4CaCUeZ-ByeB3bgDyaXuflvhyXbL_sJIYBvIQy_9Kvik0GKfA==)  1-866-399-6264 | | |