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Illinois Budget – Tell Governor and Legislators not to cut School funding or Human Services Funding.

* = Support

XX=Oppose

***HB 4672 Suicide Prevention Training**

Status: 3/3/2010; Elementary & Secondary Education Committee Hearing Mar 10 2010

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the School Code. Provides that in addition to other topics at in-service training programs, school guidance counselors, teachers, principals, and other school personnel who work with pupils in grades 7 through 12 shall be trained for at least 2 hours in suicide prevention and to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens and shall be taught appropriate intervention and referral techniques. Provides that the education may be accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials.

***HB 4864 Counselor Licensure Bach Degree**

Status: Passed House Unanimously 2/25/10 -In Senate; Referred to Assignments

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act. In a provision concerning qualifications for licensure of LPC, provides that an applicant who applies for licensure before the effective date of the amendatory Act may qualify for licensure if he or she is a graduate of an approved baccalaureate program. After this law takes effect this summer a master's degree is required.

***HB 4935 Healthcare jobs – fee splitting**

Status: 3/3/2010; House Health Care Licensing

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends several Acts that regulate the medical and healthcare professions. In a provision in those Acts concerning fee-splitting or directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from certain persons or entities any fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation for any professional services not actually or personally rendered, provides that the provision does not prohibit contractual or employment arrangements with health care professionals or providers, such as physicians, physician practices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, or other entities, except as otherwise prohibited by law. Provides that contractual and employment arrangements with health care professionals or providers may include arrangements for compensation, use of space, staff, equipment, health insurance, pension, or other benefits for the provision of services within the scope of the licensee's practice under that specific Act. Amends the Medical Practice Act. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits physicians, physician practices, or entities authorized by law to employ physicians from also employing other licensed health care workers and other persons.

***HB 5107 Insurance recoupment 366 days**

Status: 2/9/2010; House; Assigned to Insurance Committee

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning recoupment, provides that no recoupment or offset may be requested or withheld from future payments 366 or more days after the original payment is made. Provides that no contract between an insurer and a health care professional or health care provider may provide for recoupments in violation of the provision concerning recoupment.

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***HB 5126** School Counselor Confidentiality

Status: House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee 3/10/10

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the School Code. Provides that except as provided in specified provisions, specified information must not become part of the pupil's record without the written consent of the pupil who disclosed the confidential information to the school counselor or school counselor intern. Specifies circumstances under which information may be disclosed. Provides that a school counselor or school counselor intern may not disclose information deemed to be confidential pursuant to specified provisions to the parents of the pupil when the school counselor or school counselor intern (1) has reasonable cause to believe that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the pupil or (2) is ordered by a court of law to disclosure specified information. Provides that nothing in specified provisions shall be deemed to limit access to a pupil's records. Provides that it is the intent of the General Assembly that school counselors use the privilege of confidentiality to assist the pupil whenever possible to communicate more effectively with parents, school staff, and others. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

***HB 5142** Parity Insurance and HMOs

Status: Insurance Committee 3/9/10

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Provides that coverage for autism spectrum disorders shall be subject to the parity requirements of the provision concerning mental health parity. Provides that an accident and health policy or managed care plan must provide a minimum (instead of a maximum) benefit of \$36,000 per year. Deletes language concerning copayments, deductibles, and limits. Provides that every insurer that issues an accident and health policy that provides coverage for hospital or medical treatment, and for the treatment of mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorders shall ensure that the financial requirements and treatment limitations for such coverage are no more restrictive than the requirements and limitations applied to substantially all hospital and medical benefits covered by the policy. Contains a nonacceleration clause. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5166 FOID-Mental Condition

Status: Assigned to Judiciary II - Criminal Law Committee

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that the Department of State Police may petition to revoke a Firearm Owner's Identification Card if the Department finds that the card holder is, or was at the time of issuance, a person whose mental condition was determined, following a complete evaluation by a psychiatrist or a physician pursuant to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, to pose a clear and present danger to the card holder, another person, or the community, (instead of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card may be revoked if the Department finds that the card holder is or was at the time of issuance, a person whose mental condition poses a clear and present danger to the applicant, others, or the community based upon a reasonable belief by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner). Provides that a revocation petition is heard in the circuit court in the card holder's county of residence. Provides that the State's Attorney may participate in the hearing, present evidence, and take a position on the petition. Provides that the court may revoke the card if it finds that substantial justice would be done by a revocation and the card holder is a person whose mental condition poses a clear and present danger to the card holder, others, or the community. Provides that the circuit court's decision is subject to appeal under the Code of Civil Procedure (instead of the card holder appealing the Department's revocation of the card is subject to administrative review in the circuit court). Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. In provisions concerning disclosure of mental health records to the State Police, provides that a mental health facility may disclose to the State Police records about a person whose mental condition is manifested by violent, suicidal, threatening, or assaultive behavior, for which

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there is a reasonable belief following a complete evaluation (instead of reasonable belief) by a psychiatrist or a physician, (instead of by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner) that the person poses a clear and present or imminent danger to the card holder, others, or the community. Makes other changes.

HB 5176 Fines Dept Public Health

Status: House; Assigned to Human Services Committee 3/10/10

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Department of Public Health Act. In a provision concerning Department powers, provides that the Department may levy a fine on any institution or entity that it licenses or regulates for failing to comply with a lawful order made by the Department or for otherwise violating an Act that the Department has the responsibility of administering. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5306 Medicaid No caps Entitlement Services

Status: Passed Committee House 2nd Reading

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Community Services Act. Provides that for services classified as entitlement services under federal law or guidelines, caps may not be placed on the total amount of payment a provider may receive in a fiscal year and the Department of Human Services shall not require that a portion of the payments due be made in a subsequent fiscal year based on a yearly payment cap. Effective immediately.

HB 5357 Grants Community Behavioral Health Care

Status: 3/3/2010; House; Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

Synopsis As Introduced:

Creates the Community Behavioral Health Center Infrastructure Act. Provides that the Capital Development Board in consultation with the Department of Human Services shall establish the Community Behavioral Health Center Infrastructure Grant Program and may make grants to eligible community providers subject to appropriations. Provides that the grants shall be for the purpose of constructing or renovating new sites, renovating existing sites, and purchasing equipment to provide community behavioral healthcare. Effective immediately.

***HB 5910** Suicide Prevention in schools and clinical depression training

Status: House; Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education Committee 3/10/10

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Requires a comprehensive health education program to include instruction in secondary schools on clinical depression and suicide prevention. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

***SB 2493** Non Denial Preexisting conditions

Status: Senate; Re-assigned to Executive

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Provides that a group health plan or a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion. Makes conforming changes, including removing a cross-reference in the Illinois Insurance Code. Effective immediately.

XXSB 2977 Music Therapy Registration

Status: Senate; Assigned to Licensed Activities

Synopsis As Introduced:

Creates the Music Therapist Registration Act. Starting 6months after the effective date of the Act, prohibits any

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person from practicing music therapy or presenting himself or herself as a music therapist in the State, unless he or she is registered under the Act, falls within one of its enumerated exemptions, or has been issued a temporary registration. Establishes the Music Therapy Committee. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to authorize credentialing examinations through the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT). Sets qualifications for registration as a music therapist. Provides for licensure without examination for a music therapist who is licensed or otherwise certified as a Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC) by another state or national certifying body which has substantially the same standards for registration as are required by the Act. Provides for the expiration, renewal, and restoration of music therapy registration. Creates a continuing education requirement. Establishes limits on the use of advertising. Effective November 1, 2011.

***SB 3129** Among other stuff requires Court Order accompany subpoena for testimony or records

Status: Senate; Assigned to Human Services

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. Changes the definition of "dangerous conduct" to mean threatening behavior or conduct that places another individual or the person engaging in the behavior or conduct (rather than places another individual) in reasonable expectation of being harmed, or a person's inability to provide, without the assistance of family or outside help, for his or her basic physical needs so as to guard himself or herself from serious harm. Extends the lists of possible medical practitioners who must examine a person subject to an involuntary admission petition and execute a certificate stating whether involuntary admission and immediate hospitalization is appropriate, to include a psychiatrist (rather than a physician, qualified examiner, or clinical psychologist only). Contains provisions regarding the amount of time a mental health facility can temporarily detain a person for examination; the situations under which a person can be released from a mental health facility following the initial examination period and the court filing of a certificate stating whether involuntary admission and immediate hospitalization is appropriate; additional persons who are entitled to inspect and copy an admitted person's mental health records; additional agencies that may disclose a person's mental health records and communications to other agencies; and other matters. Effective immediately.

***SB 3266** Bullying Bill

Status: Senate passed committee 2nd Reading March 4, 2010

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning bullying prevention, makes changes concerning the criteria for bullying, the written policy on bullying that schools must adopt (including posting requirements), and implementation of the written policy. Requires that schools maintain records concerning any bullying incidents. Adds provisions concerning criminal and civil immunity for specified parties. Adds provisions concerning gang resistance education and training for students. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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