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2019-2020 Legislative Priorities in Brief

<p><i>An act to support healthy development among preschoolers</i></p> <p>Representative Balsler Senator DiDomenico</p>	<p>Overview Would require the Department of Early Education and Care to promulgate regulations to support social, emotional, and behavioral development and limit expulsion and suspension of children from preschool programs.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes HD 1031 / SD 1205</p>
<p><i>An act to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks</i></p> <p>Representative Barber Senator Lewis</p>	<p>Overview Would require insurers to meet reporting and transparency standards, give the Division of Insurance recourse in the case of violating such requirements, and provide access to out-of-network care.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes HD 2698 / SD 744</p>
<p><i>An act to protect children's mental health services</i></p> <p>Representative Malia Senator Keenan</p>	<p>Overview Establishes the position of Children's Mental Health Ombudsman in the Office of the Child Advocate. The role of the ombudsman will be to monitor and ensure compliance with relevant child mental health statutes, regulations, rules, and policies and receive, investigate, and resolve complaints filed on behalf of a child.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes HD 3632 / SD 1005</p>
<p><i>An act relative to mental health education</i></p> <p>Representative Higgins Senator Collins</p>	<p>Overview Education is a vital component of prevention; this bill would amend the existing K-12 physical education mandate to include mental health.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes HD 3117 / SD1765</p>
<p><i>An act relative to Mental Health Parity Implementation</i></p> <p>Representative Balsler Senator Friedman</p>	<p>Overview Though both state and federal governments have passed mental health parity in laws in the last several years, true parity has yet to be attained. Insurance coverage and processes often prevent families from attaining care for their children.</p> <hr/> <p>Notes HD 1417 / SD 1493</p>