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- **HCR2034 - Reyna Estrada; Mental Health:** The bill asks that the state recognize that the publicly funded mental health system in the state exists to benefit both patient as well as the public by providing needed mental health treatment to those who cannot or will not voluntarily accept treatment. The bill asks that the Legislature recognize that the mental health system in Arizona should benefit the patients and protect the public by ensuring that the system is adequately funded to deal with the growing number of untreated mentally ill persons in the state and that the agencies accountable for the public funding provided to run the system use the monies appropriately. *Action - Held in Senate.*

- **HB2107 - Prescription Drug Costs; Patient Notification:** Pharmacy benefits managers are prohibited from charging or collecting from an "enrollee" (defined) a cost sharing requirement for a prescription or pharmacy service that exceeds the amount retained by the pharmacist or pharmacy from all payment sources for filling the prescription or providing the service. Pharmacy benefits managers cannot prohibit a pharmacist or pharmacy from informing an enrollee of the difference between the enrollee's cost sharing requirement and the amount the enrollee would pay without using prescription drug coverage, or from selling a prescription drug to an enrollee who chooses not to use prescription drug coverage. Pharmacy benefits managers are prohibited from restricting a pharmacy from dispensing a 90-day fill of a prescription medication pursuant to State Board of Pharmacy rules. *Action - Passed.*

- **HB2127 - Children's Health Insurance Program:** Would remove the KidsCare trigger, which would keep KidsCare in place once we lose federal match dollars. *Action - Held in Senate.*

- **HB 2136 - Appropriation; DES; Information; Referral Service:** Would have increased 211 funding. *Action - Held in Committee.*

- **HB2197 - Health Professional; Workforce Data:** Requires health regulatory boards to collect data from applicants that is prescribed by DHS rule beginning January 2020. This data will be used to help identify health care staff needs statewide. *Action - Passed.*

- **HB2237 - Psychologists; Licensure; Requirements:** An applicant for licensure as a psychologist automatically meets a list of specified licensure requirements if the applicant earned a doctoral degree from a program that was accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System at the time of graduation. *Action - Held in Senate.*

- **HB2303 - Sentencing; Drug Offenses; Repetitive Offenders:** Would modernize Arizona's drug sentencing laws for drug possession and allow opportunities for treatment. *Action - Held.*

- **HB2312 - Setting Aside Conviction; Requirements:** Enhances and clarifies the requirements and process for setting aside a criminal felony conviction. Those who are able to have their conviction(s) set aside will have expanded options for employment and housing, increasing success and reducing recidivism. *Action - Passed.*

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- **HB2314 - Misdemeanor Sentence; Authorized Disposition:** Increases judicial discretion with respect to sentencing of misdemeanors, authorizing a sentence of community restitution and treatment without the necessity of placing the person probation. *Action - Passed.*

- **HB2389 - Syringe Access:** Authorized the establishment and operation of a needle and hypodermic syringe access program. *Action - Held in Conference Committee.*

- **HB2489 - Schools; Anonymous Reporting; Dangerous Activity:** Requires the Department of Education to establish the Safe-to-Tell Program to enable any person to anonymously report any dangerous, violent, or unlawful activity being conducted or threatened to be conducted on school property. *Action - Held in Senate*

- **HB2501 - PTSD; Worker's Compensation; Presumption:** For the purpose of workers' compensation, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is presumed to be an occupational disease and deemed to arise out of and in the course of employment for a "first responder" (defined) if a list of specified conditions apply, including that a licensed mental health professional determines that the first responder has PTSD resulting from the performance of his/her job duties. *Action - Held in Senate.*

- **HB2502 - Public Safety; Traumatic Event Counseling:** Expands the Traumatic Event Counseling program for first responders. *Action – Passed.*

- **SB1195 - Mental Health Screening; Hospitalization:** Includes numerous changes to statutes relating to court-ordered mental health evaluations. *Action - Held in House.*

- **SB1246 - Behavioral Health Board:** Modifies the licensure by endorsement process to make it easier for those licensed out of state to be licensed in AZ at the same practice level. *Action – Passed*

- **SB1391 - Schools; Suicide Prevention Training:** Would require suicide prevention education with school guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work with students in grades 6 through 12. *Action – Held in Committees.*

- **SB1396 - Group Home Beds; Mentally Ill:** Requires AHCCCS to report the current number of behavioral health facility beds and supported housing beds available in AZ for those with SMI diagnosis by Dec. 1, 2018. *Action - Passed.*

- **SB1431 - Memorial; Veterans; Suicide:** Allows placement on the government mall of a privately funded suicide awareness monument commemorating veterans who have died due to unresolved PTSD ad traumatic brain injuries. *Action - Passed.*

- **SB1445 - AHCCCS; Dental Care; Pregnant Women:** Would provide a capped dental benefit to pregnant women covered through AHCCCS. *Action – Held in House.*

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- **SB 1456 - Schools; Bullying Policy; Definition:** Requires schools to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to prohibit students from harassing, intimidating and bullying other students. *Action - Held in Committee.*

- **SB1465 - Sober Living:** Requires DHS to establish minimum standards and requirements for licensure of sober living facilities. *Action - Passed.*