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Local Redistricting Gets Loud

Healthcare

SB372 would make it illegal to demand proof of vaccination or immunity to a disease. Although this is timed to prevent demands for COVID vaccines or negative tests, as written it would eliminate immunizations required to attend school such as DPT, polio, chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella and Hepatitis.

SB338 would extend Medicaid post-partum coverage from six months to one year. It also includes provisions for lactation care and services for nursing mothers. The bill has passed out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

SB403 would send behavioral specialists along with police officers responding to incidents involving people with mental illness. A rare bipartisan bill and further evidence of the legislature's prioritizing mental health, 41 senators from both parties are co-sponsoring the bill. The hope is that it will reduce crime and divert offenders from the penal system and into care.