

2022 ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION & FY '23 BUDGET ITEMS OF INTEREST

Additional Legislation & Budget Initiatives of Interest

Enhance Educational Outcomes:

H6667/S2556 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS - TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT

Establishes the implementation of trauma-informed practices in schools throughout the state.

Enhance Behavioral Health & Crisis Response:

H7858/S2469 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Establishes Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC).

H8157/S2471 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Increases in-network behavioral health care service reimbursement rates up to the median value effective 1/1/2023. Increases rates for 2024-2028 by rate of inflation plus three (3) percentage points determined by the federal CPI.

H7269/S2764 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Allows individuals who have received their degree from an accredited college or university within the past two (2) years to practice within the field prior to obtaining a license.

H6644/S2120 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

This act would increase the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen(18).

Strengthen and Support Families:

Budget Article 1, Section 16: Provides \$250M for housing initiatives. This is the minimum amount needed to address the critical housing shortage facing families in our state.

H7484/S2187 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Health Care For Children And Pregnant Women (Cover All Kids) - Expands the Rite Track Program to provide health care coverage to children up to age nineteen (19) funded by federal funds, if available, or if not available, by state funds.

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H7290/S2202 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Health Care For Children And Pregnant Women - Extends the benefits given to eligible women under title XIX state plan through the last day of the month in which their twelve-month postpartum period ends.

H7628/S2546 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.

Enhance Juvenile Justice Systems:

H7461/S2382 AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any juvenile fourteen (14) years of age or younger at the training school for any offense unless it is for a capital offense and the court determines that placement is for safety for juvenile and community.

For our 2022 Legislative & FY '23 Budget Priorities as well as our 2022 Statement of Policy Priorities see www.riccf.org/legislative-policy-priorities. For further information, or with questions, contact Tanja Kubas-Meyer, Executive Director, at tanja.kubas-meyer@riccf.org or 401-263-1126(c).