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2023 Arizona Psychiatric Society Annual Meeting Legislative Update

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Administrative Topics



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Arizona Legislature

House of
Representatives

Republicans 31

Democrats 29

Senate

Republicans 16

Democrats 14



Legislative Framework for 2023

**New
Governor**

**32 Freshmen
Legislators**

**1.78 Billion
Budget
Surplus**

SB1018: Mental health coverage; collaborative care

Passed House Appropriations 15-0

Appropriates \$1 million in small grants from DHS to primary care physicians to hire a Care Manager and enter into a "collaborative practice agreement" a psychiatrist to facilitate providing earlier mental health care to patients.

Collaborative care allows the primary care physician to treat patients with low grade depression and work with a psychiatrist who will consult on patients the PCP is treating and treat those who are experiencing more severe mental health issues.

SB1457: Psychologists; prescribing authority

Died in House Appropriations

Expands the scope of practice for licensed psychologists to allow them to prescribe psychotropic medication and any other medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat mental disorders if issued a prescribing certificate or conditional prescribing certificate by the Arizona State Board of Psychologists Examiners (Board).

Sets certification and prescribing requirements for applicant psychologists and the Board.

SB1077: Jails; mental health; evaluations; treatment

Transmitted to Governor

For the purpose of court-ordered mental health evaluations, the definitions of "evaluation agency" and "mental health treatment agency" are expanded to include a facility that is exempt from licensure as a health care institution, that processes an accreditation from either a national commission on correctional health care or an American correctional association, and that has been approved to provide the services required.

SB1220: Alzheimer's disease state plan; appropriation

Passed House Government 9-0

DHS is required to develop an Alzheimer's Disease State Plan to assess the existing state services that address the needs of persons who have Alzheimer's Disease or dementia and their family caregivers, and provide a strategic plan for state action to increase access to care, improve quality of care, advance risk reduction and early detection, and ensure a coordinated statewide response.

Appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to ADHS for the Program and the implementation of the Plan.

SB1710: State hospital; governing board; governance

Awaiting COW Calendar

Effective January 1, 2025, establishes the five-member State Hospital Governing Board (Board) and transfers oversight, authorities and responsibilities relating to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Board. Requires ASH to admit patients based on clinical need for treatment and prohibits any limit on admission based on a patient's county of residence.

HB2753: Graduate medical education; residency program

Passed Senate Appropriations 6-2

Requires the Arizona Area Health Education System (Arizona AHEC), by May 1, 2024, to establish a primary care residency program for outlined health care facilities.

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2024 to the Arizona AHEC and \$5,000,000 from the state GF in FYs 2024, 2025 and 2026 to AHCCCS.

Scope of Practice Bills- Sunrise Process

Mirror Bills HB 2529 and SB 1248 were introduced to repeal the sunrise process for a health professional group seeking an increased scope of practice.

SB 1248 was vetoed by Governor Hobbs on March 3, 2023.

HB 2529 did not cross over to the Senate before the March 31st deadline.

International Medical Graduates Bills

Three bills were introduced to require the Arizona Medical Board (Board), effective January 1, 2024, to grant provisional licenses to international medical graduates to engage in the practice of medicine in Arizona if certain criteria are met.

HB 2467: International medical graduates; licensure
Held in House Health & Human Services Committee

SB 1249: Medical licensing; study committee
Failed House Health & Human Services Committee

SB 1285: S/E- licensure; international graduates
Striker was not adopted. Bill was held in committee

Monitor Top Tier

Priority Bills

SB1018	Support	Mental health coverage; collaborative care	Pending	Passed House Appropriations
SB1077	Oppose	Jails; mental health; evaluations; treatment	Passed	Transmitted to Governor
SB1269	Oppose	Nurse anesthetists; clinical rotations; appropriation	Dead	Held in Senate Health and Human Services
SB1457	Oppose	Psychologists; prescribing authority (S/E: firefighter health; transaction fee; fireworks)	Dead	Held in House Appropriations
SB1710		State hospital; governing board; governance	Pending	Awaiting COW Calendar
HB2486	Support	Clinical research; psilocybin; grants; appropriation	Dead	Passed House Military Affairs & Public Safety
HB2529	Oppose	Scope of practice; process; repeal.	Dead	House COW

Monitor

Other Bills of Interest

HB2041		Mental health; voluntary evaluations; payment	Pending	House Concurred
HB2043	Neutral	Physician assistants; supervision; collaboration	Passed	Transmitted to Governor
HB2753	Support	graduate medical education; residency programs	Pending	DPA - Senate Appropriations - Senate Appropriations
SB1220	Support	Alzheimer's disease state plan; appropriation	Pending	DP - House Government - House Government
SB1225	Support	Appropriations; developmental disabilities programs	Dead	Striker adopted; Failed Committee

Scope of Practice Bills

SB1248	Oppose	Scope of practice; process; repeal	Dead	Vetoed
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Striker Bills

SB1285	Oppose	recommendations (S/E: licensure; international medical graduates)	Dead	Held in House Appropriations
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QUESTIONS?

