

# 2022 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Bills Prime Sponsored By Representative Mary Young

## Public and Behavioral Health

### [HB22-1278 Behavioral Health Administration](#)

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Rod Pelton & Senators Pete Lee and Cleave Simpson***

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) will establish a comprehensive, accountable behavioral health safety net system throughout Colorado. Any state agency that administers a behavioral health program is required to collaborate with the BHA. A robust engagement process was held over the past two years to inform the creation of the BHA and the [Behavioral Health Task Force's Blueprint for Reform](#) has been used as a guiding document.

### [HB22-1214 Behavioral Health Crisis Response System](#)

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Rod Pelton & Senators Chris Kolker and Kevin Priola***

Too often people have been turned away or diverted to the emergency room due to a lack of clarity in the statute. This bill makes it clear that crisis system facilities and programs must serve youth, individuals with substance use disorders, and individuals with disabilities. No one in crisis should be turned away from crucial services.

### [SB22-156 Medicaid Prior Authorization And Recovery Of Payment](#)

***Sponsors: Senators Chris Kolker and Stephen Fenberg & Representatives Mary Young and Judy Amabile***

Independent Medicaid Mental Health Providers serving Colorado's most vulnerable populations experience repeated difficulty in continuing outpatient psychotherapy services for their clients due to prior authorization approval processes by Medicaid managed care entities. This bill eliminates the prior authorization process which will reduce barriers to necessary outpatient psychotherapy treatment and enable clients to receive regular, uninterrupted care. It also clarifies when a managed care entity can collect money that they already paid out to the provider and will create clearer processes and shared understanding for both parties.

### [SB22-077 Interstate Licensed Professional Counselor Compact](#)

***Sponsors: Senators Joann Ginal and Rob Woodward & Representatives Mary Young and Colin Larson***

Interstate Licensed Professional Counselor Compact is an important opportunity for us to increase our mental health workforce. This bill allows Colorado to participate in a licensing compact with other states to address workforce shortages in the field of counseling. This will increase our workforce, especially utilizing telehealth. It also improves consumer protection across state lines by ensuring safe regulation through shared data and disciplinary systems.

### [SB22-147 Behavioral Health-care Services For Children](#)

***Sponsors: Senators Chris Kolker and Jerry Sonnenberg & Representatives Mary Young and Rod Pelton***

This bill allocates federal American Rescue Plan Act money to the Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation and Access Program, creates a school-based health center grant program, and puts money toward the behavioral health care professional matching grant program. All three of these programs help increase access to behavioral health care for youth in their schools and in their communities.

### **HB22-1213 Sunset Continue Regulation Speech-language Pathologists**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Andres Pico & Senator Janet Buckner***

The department's sunset report shows that this profession benefits the people of Colorado and SLPs should continue to be certified. This bill continues the regulation of speech-language pathologists in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Continuing this certification is important for safety and access to services.

## **Education**

### **SB22-056 UNC Osteopathic Medicine Degrees**

***Sponsors: Senators Jerry Sonnenberg and Leroy Garcia & Representatives Mary Young and Perry Will***

This bill allows the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) to establish a school of Osteopathic Medicine. This is so exciting because not only will it address the significant shortage of physicians across the state, but it will have a significant positive impact on the economy of Greeley and the surrounding area. UNC is uniquely positioned to leverage existing programs such as nursing, speech-language pathology, behavioral health, etc. to amplify positive outcomes for healthcare access and quality across the state.

### **SB22-137 Transition Back To Standard K-12 Accountability**

***Sponsors: Senators Rachel Zenzinger and Don Coram & Representatives Mary Young and Barbara McLachlan***

Over the last two years, we paused our state accountability system for schools due to COVID. This bill sets up a pathway to get back to our accountability system.

### **HB22-1107 Inclusive Higher Ed**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Mary Bradfield & Senators John Cooke and Jeff Bridges***

In 2016 the state legislature signed into law SB16-196 which established a five-year Inclusive Higher Education (IHE) Pilot Initiative for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) at the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and Arapahoe Community College. The success of the pilot initiative has led to significant demand for more options throughout Colorado. HB22-1107 creates a grant program in the Department of Higher Education for state institutions of higher education to apply for grants to establish new or expand existing inclusive higher education programs for students with IDD.

### **HB22-1294 Special Education Services in Charter Schools**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Dafna Michaelson Jenet & Senators Rachel Zenzinger and Bob Gardner***

This bill will allow interested and committed Charter Schools to have a greater ability to provide services to special education students.

### **HB22-1376 Supportive Learning Environments For K-12 Students**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Leslie Herod & Senators Kevin Priola and Faith Winter***

Schools play a crucial role in fostering safety, connectedness, and healthy conditions for students' learning and development. This bill will make data about students' experiences at school more transparent and will ensure that every student learns in an environment that is positive, safe, and inclusive.

## **Supporting Older Coloradans**

### **HB22-1035 Modernization Of The Older Coloradans' Act**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Mary Bradfield & Senators Joann Ginal and Bob Rankin***

The purpose of this bill is to establish that Colorado is committed to implementing policies that energetically support older Coloradans, their families, and communities. The bill recognizes that older Coloradans want and need to take an active role in the development of these policies, not just be passive recipients of these policies. It empowers the Colorado Commission on Aging to make objective recommendations to the Department and its legislative designees in order to contribute directly to the continued implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging through a shared leadership model with the State Office on Aging.

### **HB22-1209 Sunset Strategic Action Planning Group On Aging**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Mary Bradfield & Senator Rob Woodward***

This bill repeals the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging since their work is included in the restructuring of the Colorado Commission on Aging which is in HB22-1035 Modernization of the Older Coloradans' Act.

### **SB22-079 Dementia Training**

***Sponsors: Senators Chris Kolker and Joann Ginal & Representatives Mary Young and Barbara McLachlan***

This bill helps make sure vulnerable adults are taken care of properly by requiring employees of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult day care facilities to take 4 hours of dementia training.

### **SB22-185 Security For Colorado Seniors**

***Sponsors: Senators Jessie Danielson and Janet Buckner & Representatives Mary Young and Mandy Lindsay***

This bill continues our commitment as a legislature to support the needs of older Coloradans. Last year I sponsored SB21-190 which established the Area Agency on Aging Grant Program which was set to expire this December. SB22-185 renames the grant program to the Strategic Investments in Aging Program which will expand funding to programs across the state that align with the strategic action plan on aging and makes the grant fund permanent.

## **Saving Coloradans Money**

### **SB22-182 Economic Mobility Program**

***Sponsors: Senators Chris Hansen and Don Coram & Representatives Mary Young and Lindsey Daugherty***

As we know Covid has had a disproportionate impact on low and no-income families. This fund will help increase citizens' enrollment in tax credit programs Child Tax credit (CTC), Earned Income Tax credit (EITC), and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. It also requires the Department of Higher Education to help students access public benefits. Access to tax credits can help reduce childhood and household poverty.

### **HB22-1004 Driver License Fee Reduction**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and David Ortiz & Senators Rhonda Fields and Chris Kolker***

This bill will save people money at the DMV. It allows for the transfer of funding from the state general fund to the licensing services cash fund in order to prevent driver's license fees and identification card fees from increasing for two years.

### **HB22-1299 License Registration Fee Relief For Mental Health Professionals**

***Sponsors: Representative Mary Young & Senators Chris Kolker and Rhonda Fields***

This bill aims to relieve the financial burdens of Colorado mental health professionals by providing fee relief for licensing and certification fees in the year 2023-2024. Mental health professions include the state boards of psychological examiners, social work examiners, professional counselor examiners, marriage and family therapists, unlicensed psychotherapists, and addiction counselor examiners.

## **Human Services**

### **HB22-1240 Mandatory Reporters**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Meg Froelich & Senators Rhonda Fields and Cleave Simpson***

On September 15, 2021, the Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman [issued a brief](#) detailing its study of Colorado's mandatory reporting law and highlighting some key issues. HB22-1240 pulls together a diverse group of citizens and professionals for a task force to analyze and possibly recommend further improvements to the state's mandatory reporting system.

### **HB22-1090 Reasonable Independence For Children**

***Sponsors: Representatives Mary Young and Kim Ransom & Senators Janet Buckner and Jim Smallwood***

This bill will decrease unnecessary involvement in the child welfare system by making it clear that a child is not neglected when their parents or guardians allow them to do everyday activities such as walking to school, playing in the neighborhood, or going to a nearby store. It will reduce the fear experienced by many parents as they make decisions about what independence they give their children. While this bill provides common sense protections for all children and families it especially benefits low-income communities and communities of color who have been involved with the child welfare system at a much higher rate than other groups.

### **SB22-102 Transparency Out-of-home Placements Developmental Disabilities**

***Sponsors: Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer & Representative Mary Young***

This bill addresses issues surrounding placements for youth with both an intellectual and developmental disability and significant behavioral health issues. The bill requires an appeals process involving children who are discharged before meeting their treatment goals. There also is a provision for data collection around bed utilization, success rates of treatment, etc. This will help ensure children with IDD and behavioral health get the best care possible.

Bills Co-Sponsored By Representative Mary Young

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<a href="#">HB22-1003</a>	Youth Delinquency Prevention And Intervention Grants
<a href="#">HB22-1006</a>	Child Care Center Property Tax Exemption
<a href="#">HB22-1008</a>	Implementation Of Fertility Coverage
<a href="#">HB22-1010</a>	Early Childhood Educator Income Tax Credit
<a href="#">HB22-1013</a>	Microgrids For Community Resilience Grant Program
<a href="#">HB22-1014</a>	Epilepsy Awareness Special License Plate
<a href="#">HB22-1016</a>	Voluntary Contribution Check-off Feeding Colorado
<a href="#">HB22-1027</a>	Sales Tax Destination Sourcing Rules Exception
<a href="#">HB22-1029</a>	Compensatory Direct Distribution To Public Employees' Retirement Association
<a href="#">HB22-1034</a>	Fire and Police Pension Association Statewide Retirement Plan
<a href="#">HB22-1038</a>	Right To Counsel For Youth
<a href="#">HB22-1041</a>	Privacy Protections For Protected Persons
<a href="#">HB22-1052</a>	Promoting Crisis Services To Students
<a href="#">HB22-1053</a>	Blockchain Agriculture And Uniform Commercial Code
<a href="#">HB22-1055</a>	Remove state sales tax from diapers and feminine hygiene products
<a href="#">HB22-1056</a>	Emergency Temporary Care For Children
<a href="#">HB22-1057</a>	Public Employees' Retirement Association Employment After Teacher Retirement
<a href="#">HB22-1068</a>	Medicaid Reimbursement For Therapy Using Equines
<a href="#">HB22-1076</a>	Telehealth For Hearing Aid Providers
<a href="#">HB22-1083</a>	Colorado Homeless Contribution Income Tax Credit
<a href="#">HB22-1101</a>	Public Employees' Retirement Association Service Retiree Employment In Rural Schools
<a href="#">HB22-1102</a>	Veterans And Military Status In Fair Housing
<a href="#">HB22-1111</a>	Insurance Coverage For Loss Declared Fire Disaster
<a href="#">HB22-1114</a>	Transportation Services For Medicaid Waiver Recipients
<a href="#">HB22-1120</a>	School Security Disbursement Program Recreation
<a href="#">HB22-1132</a>	Regulation And Services For Wildfire Mitigation
<a href="#">HB22-1146</a>	Investment of Public School Fund Study And Report
<a href="#">HB22-1151</a>	Turf Replacement Program
<a href="#">HB22-1153</a>	Affirm Parentage Adoption In Assisted Reproduction
<a href="#">HB22-1155</a>	In-state Tuition For Colorado High School Graduates
<a href="#">HB22-1169</a>	Prohibit Sexual Act Without Consent
<a href="#">HB22-1171</a>	Department of Education Supplemental
<a href="#">HB22-1173</a>	Department of Health Care Policy & Financing Supplemental

<a href="#">HB22-1174</a>	Department of Higher Education Supplemental
<a href="#">HB22-1175</a>	Department of Human Services Supplemental
<a href="#">HB22-1177</a>	Department of Natural Resources Supplemental
<a href="#">HB22-1179</a>	Department of Public Health & Environment Supplemental
<a href="#">HB22-1186</a>	Adjustments To School Funding Fiscal Year 2021-22
<a href="#">HB22-1187</a>	Office Of Economic Development COVID Relief Program Extension
<a href="#">HB22-1188</a>	ARPA American Rescue Plan Act Money For Home- And Community-based Services
<a href="#">HB22-1189</a>	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Training Deadlines
<a href="#">HB22-1191</a>	Extending Reproductive Health-care Program Implementation
<a href="#">HB22-1194</a>	Local Firefighter Safety Resources
<a href="#">HB22-1197</a>	Effective Date Of Department Of Early Childhood
<a href="#">HB22-1202</a>	At-risk Student Measure For School Finance
<a href="#">HB22-1205</a>	Senior Housing Income Tax Credit
<a href="#">HB22-1210</a>	Sunset Domestic Violence Management Board
<a href="#">HB22-1215</a>	Study Of Expanding Extended High School Programs
<a href="#">HB22-1220</a>	Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation
<a href="#">HB22-1221</a>	County Coroner And Mortuary Mental Health Program
<a href="#">HB22-1223</a>	Mobile Home Property Tax Sale Notice And Exemption
<a href="#">HB22-1230</a>	Employment Support And Job Retention Services
<a href="#">HB22-1231</a>	Foster Parent Bill Of Rights
<a href="#">HB22-1241</a>	Court Appointed Special Advocates Special License Plate
<a href="#">HB22-1243</a>	School Security and School Behavioral Health Services Funding
<a href="#">HB22-1247</a>	Additional Requirements Nursing Facility Funding
<a href="#">HB22-1248</a>	Extend School Leadership Pilot Program
<a href="#">HB22-1251</a>	Cardiac Arrest Management
<a href="#">HB22-1253</a>	Adaptive Equipment In Rental Motor Vehicles
<a href="#">HB22-1255</a>	Improve Higher Education For Students With A Disability
<a href="#">HB22-1256</a>	Modifications To Civil Involuntary Commitment
<a href="#">HB22-1260</a>	Access To Medically Necessary Services For Students
<a href="#">HB22-1267</a>	Culturally Relevant Training Health Professionals
<a href="#">HB22-1273</a>	Protections For Elections Officials
<a href="#">HB22-1274</a>	Sunset Colorado Interagency Working Group On School Safety
<a href="#">HB22-1275</a>	Sunset School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board
<a href="#">HB22-1279</a>	Reproductive Health Equity Act
<a href="#">HB22-1281</a>	Behavioral Health-care Continuum Gap Grant Program
<a href="#">HB22-1283</a>	Youth And Family Behavioral Health Care
<a href="#">HB22-1284</a>	Health Insurance Surprise Billing Protections

<a href="#">HB22-1285</a>	Prohibit Collection Hospital Not Disclosing Prices
<a href="#">HB22-1287</a>	Protections For Mobile Home Park Residents
<a href="#">HB22-1289</a>	Health Benefits For Colorado Children And Pregnant Persons
<a href="#">HB22-1290</a>	Changes To Medicaid For Wheelchair Repairs
<a href="#">HB22-1295</a>	Department Early Childhood And Universal Preschool Program
<a href="#">HB22-1300</a>	Local Enforcement To Prevent Human Trafficking
<a href="#">HB22-1301</a>	Controlled Environmental Agricultural Facility As Agricultural Property
<a href="#">HB22-1303</a>	Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds
<a href="#">HB22-1304</a>	State Grants Investments Local Affordable Housing
<a href="#">HB22-1306</a>	Broadband Deployment Board Grant Processes
<a href="#">HB22-1307</a>	Mental Health Professionals Technical Changes
<a href="#">HB22-1308</a>	Agricultural Workforce Services Program
<a href="#">HB22-1310</a>	529 Account Apprenticeship Expenses
<a href="#">HB22-1315</a>	Colorado 2-1-1 Collaborative Funding
<a href="#">HB22-1316</a>	Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project
<a href="#">HB22-1320</a>	Achieving A Better Life Experience Savings Accounts
<a href="#">HB22-1321</a>	Study Of Devices Assessing Motorist Impairment
<a href="#">HB22-1323</a>	Updates To State Forest Service Tree Nursery
<a href="#">HB22-1329</a>	2022-23 Long Bill
<a href="#">HB22-1333</a>	Increase Minimum Wage For Nursing Home Workers
<a href="#">HB22-1344</a>	FDA-approved Prescription 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine Drug Use
<a href="#">HB22-1346</a>	Electrician Plumber Licensing Apprentice Ratio
<a href="#">HB22-1349</a>	Postsecondary Student Success Data System
<a href="#">HB22-1354</a>	Protecting Injured Workers' Mental Health Records
<a href="#">HB22-1356</a>	Small Community-based Nonprofit Grant Program
<a href="#">HB22-1358</a>	Clean Water In Schools And Child Care Centers
<a href="#">HB22-1366</a>	Improving Students' Postsecondary Options
<a href="#">HB22-1374</a>	Foster Care Success Act
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<a href="#"><u>SB22-034</u></a>	Business Filing Address And Name Fraud
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<a href="#"><u>SB22-055</u></a>	Alcohol Monitoring For Impaired Driving Offenders
<a href="#"><u>SB22-057</u></a>	Violent Crime Victim Brain Injury Screening Program
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<a href="#"><u>SB22-070</u></a>	Kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade Licensed Personnel Performance Evaluations
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