



New York State



New York State 2016 Legislative Priorities

A01275-Make Kendra's Law Permanent: This bill would amend the mental hygiene law and the correction law in order to improve care for people with serious mental illness, and protect the safety of patients and the public by streamlining and improving New York's Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program "Kendra's Law."

S-3419/A-2834A-Regulate Step Therapy: This bill would increase a doctor's ability to override an insurance company's decision not to approve prescribed medication and only approve a less expensive option.

A3887/S2585 -Mental Health Education in Schools: This bill calls on school districts to ensure that their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation between mental and physical health in health education

S6234-Provide Mental Health Awareness Training to Teachers: This would mandate continuing education for teachers relating to mental health issues, allowing them to recognize potential mental health issues in students and communicate those concerns to parents.

S6595/A9833: An Act to Amend the Criminal Procedure law, in Relation to a Problem Solving Court.

A6763-Social Workers in Schools: Requires at least one full-time licensed social worker to be employed in each elementary, intermediate, middle and junior high school throughout the state.

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