

**NAMI Texas Bill List 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature – Regular Session, 2015**  
Current List April 12, 2015

Bills On the Move Highlighted in **GREEN**

**Senate Bills**

**SB 18** (Nelson) *Relating to measures to support or enhance graduate medical education in this state (including psychiatrists)*

MH workforce enhancement

Companion: HB 1445 (Guillen) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate.** Received by House 4/8/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee

**SB 55** (Nelson) *This legislation creates a grant program at the Health and Human Services Commission, which will receive 100 percent matching funds from a private third party, to support community programs for veterans' mental health.*

Companion: HB 1429 (King) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 4/10/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 125** (Zaffirini) *Relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.*

Companion: HB 1852 (Naishtat) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 4/10/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 133** (Schwertner) *Relating to mental health first aid training for school district employees and school resource officers.*

Companion: HB 2220 (Coleman) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 3/18/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee

**SB 239** (Schwertner) *Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.*

MH workforce enhancement

Companion(s): HB 1241 (Lozano) or HB 2434 (Coleman) –Each Identical.

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard in Senate Higher Education** 4/1/2015; Left pending.

**SB 267** (Perry) *States that cities and counties may not pass an ordinance or regulation that prohibits a rental property owner or the owner's agent from having the right to choose whether to rent housing to someone based on the person's lawful source of income, including a federal housing choice voucher.*

Further limits housing opportunities

Companion(s): HB 738 (Larson) or HB 2909 (Springer) –Each Identical

**NAMI Texas STRONGLY OPPOSES**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 4/8/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 343** (Huffines) *Prohibits local governments from passing and enforcing local statutes more restrictive than state law addressing the same topic.*

Potential for limiting housing opportunities

Companion: none

**NAMI Texas Opposes**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate State Affairs 2/2/2015.

**SB 359** (West) *Relating to the authority of a peace officer to apprehend a person for emergency detention and the authority of certain facilities to temporarily detain a person with mental illness*

4-hour emergency hold for med/surg. ER departments

Companion: HB 3677 (Workman) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 4/10/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 369** (Ellis) *Relating to jury instructions regarding the insanity defense in a criminal case.*

Requires jurors be informed prior to deliberating on a verdict of likely assessment and treatment process defendant would undergo if found not guilty by reason of insanity

Companion: none

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate Criminal Justice 2/2/2015.

**SB 518** (Uresti) *Relating to inclusion of mental health concerns in existing school health efforts.*

Adds mental health to health education curricula

Companion: HB 3289 (Farney)

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate Education 2/18/2015.

**SB 578** (Hinojosa, Rodriguez) *Relating to providing inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with information regarding reentry and reintegration resources.*

Companion: HB 569 (Allen) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Passed Senate** and received by House 4/10/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 674** (Campbell) *Relating to instruction regarding mental, substance abuse and youth suicide in educator training.*

Companion: HB 2218 (Coleman) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate Education 2/24/2015.

**SB 891** (Rodriguez) *Relating to the operations of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, including conditions of confinement of certain inmates and required training for correctional officers employed by the department.* 4/8/2015; Awaiting referral to House committee.

**SB 1326** (Menendez) *Relating to the maximum cumulative period allowed for restoration of a defendant's competency to stand trial and to certain time credits awarded against that cumulative period.*

Companion: HB 759 (Menendez) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in Senate Criminal Justice 4/14/2015

**SB 1507** (Garcia, Rodriguez) *Relating to the appointment of a forensic director responsible for statewide coordination and oversight of forensic mental health services overseen by the Department of State Health Services.*

Companion: HB 2023 (Naishtat) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Reported favorably** from Senate Health and Human Services 4/9/2015; Recommended for **Local and Uncontested Calendar**.

**SB 1624** (Rodriguez) *Relating to a requirement that entering undergraduate students at a public institution of higher education attend an orientation regarding mental health and suicide prevention services.*

Suicide prevention; mental health awareness; de-stigmatization

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate Higher Education 3/23/2015.

**SB 1664** (Perry) *Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; authorizing the imposition of fees.*

Companion: HB 3766 (Burkett) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Reported favorably** from Senate Business & Commerce; Awaiting floor action.

**SB 1774** (Menendez) *Relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes of certain group health benefit plans.*

Companion: HB 838 (Naishtat) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in Senate Business & Commerce 4/14/2015.

**SB 1777** (Menendez) *Relating to the continuation of certain public benefits, including medical assistance, for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.*

Companion: HB 2523 (Collier) –Identical (Past: HB 144)

**NAMI Texas STRONGLY SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to Senate Health & Human Services 3/24/2015.

**SB 1888** (Zaffirini) *Relating to a requirement that a county report the number of certain persons with mental illness detained in that county's jail.*

Creates reporting requirements for individuals with mental illness entering the jail system for reasons other than having committed a criminal offense (e.g. forms of emergency detention, protective custody)

Companion: none

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: Reported favorably from Senate Criminal Justice 4/8/2015; Recommended for Local and Uncontested Calendar.

**SB 1889** (Zaffirini) *Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information regarding those cases to the legislature.*

Companion: HB 2039 (Burkett) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard in Senate Health & Human Services** 4/8/2015; Left pending.

## House Bills

**HB 19** (King, S.) *Relating to mental health and preventive services programs for veterans ' and military families.*

Companion: None

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard in House Defense & Veterans Affairs Services 4/8/2015;**  
Left pending.

**HB 39** (Smithee) *Relating to guardianships for incapacitated persons.*

Companion: SB 1224 (Schwertner) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Reported favorably** from House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence  
4/9/2015; Awaiting floor action.

**HB 211** (Rose) *Relating to resuming a criminal case after a defendant is determined to be competent to stand trial.*

Meant to speed adjudication process for offenders following competency restoration

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Criminal Jurisprudence  
4/15/2015.

**HB 352** (King, K., et al) *Relating to the drug testing of certain persons seeking benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.*

### **NAMI Texas Opposes**

Current Status: Scheduled for public hearing in House Human Services 4/12/2015.

**HB 843** (Naishtat) *Relating to housing services provided through the transitional living services program to certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.*

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Reported favorably as substituted** by House Human Services; Sent to Local & Consent Calendar 4/8/2015.

**HB 867** (Hernandez) *Relating to the establishment and operation of the Texas Women Veterans Program.*

Companion: SB 2001 (Garcia) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard** in House Defense & Veterans' Affairs 4/8/2015; Left pending.

**HB 937** (Fletcher) *Would allow open-carry of firearms on college and university campuses.*

Companion: **SB 11 (Birdwell) \*\*passed Senate and sent to House\*\***

### **NAMI Texas OPPOSES**

Current Status: **Reported favorably as substituted** from Homeland Security and Public Safety 3/31/2015; Awaiting floor action.

**HB 1083** (Marquez) *Would require that a mental health assessment be undertaken of inmates prior to placement in administrative segregation (solitary confinement).*

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Corrections 4/14/2015.

**HB 1084** (Marquez) *Would mandate outcome reporting and specify requirements of same for individuals placed in administrative segregation.*

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Corrections 3/2/2015.

**HB 1338** (Naishtat) *Mandates brain injury training for first responders. It is anticipated that language adding impairment due to mental illness as a component of the training will be added*

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard in House Emerging Issues In Texas Law Enforcement, Select 3/17/2015; left pending.**

**HB 1393** (Turner, Syl.) *Relating to the establishment of a home and community-based services program under the Medicaid program for certain persons with severe and persistent mental illness.*

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Human Services 3/9/2015.

**HB 1428** (Raymond) *Relating to the administration of housing funds set aside for persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.*

Expands housing opportunities

Companion: SB 1428 (Zaffirini) –Identical

### **NAMI Texas STRONGLY SUPPORTS**

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Urban Affairs 3/9/2015.

**HB 1429** (King, S) *Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans with mental illness.*

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard in House Defense & Veterans' Affairs 3/18/2015; Left pending.**

**HB 1430** (King, S.) *Relating to the inclusion of mental health in the public services endorsement on a public school diploma and in information about health science career pathways.*

MH workforce enhancement

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Reported favorably** by House Public Education; Recommended for Local & Consent Calendar 4/6/2015.

**HB 1541** (Burkett) *Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.*

Professionalizes peer specialist status through statute covering the processes of certification and governance of peer specialists and codification of scope of practice;

MH workforce enhancement

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Human Services 4/13/2015.

**HB 1762** (Otto) *Relating to the creation of a health care advocacy program for veterans.*

Companion: None

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard** in House Defense & Veterans' Affairs 4/8/2015; Left pending.

**HB 1852** (Naishtat) *Relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.*

Requires a "developmentally appropriate, comprehensive psychosocial assessment" for children in DFPS custodianship.

Companion: SB 125 (West) --Identical

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: Reported favorably as substituted from House Human Services 4/9/2015; Awaiting floor action.

**HB 1855** (Rose) *Relating to training, continuing education, and weapons proficiency standards for correctional officers employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.*

Requires CIT training for correctional officers.

Companion: none

### **NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard** in House Corrections 4/9/2015; Left pending.

**HB 1873** (Naishtat) *Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of self-directed mental health services in the integrated Medicaid managed care system.*  
Companion: None

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Human Services 4/13/2015.

**HB 2004** (Darby) *Relating to a pilot project to provide emergency telemedicine medical services in rural areas.*  
Companion: None

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Human Services 4/14/2015.

**HB 2023** (Naishtat) *Relating to the appointment of a forensic medical director responsible for statewide coordination and oversight of forensic mental health services provided by the Department of State Health Services.*  
Awaiting additional clarification on intended implementation processes  
Companion: SB 1507 (Garcia) –Identical

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Heard** in House Public Health 4/7/2015; Left pending.

**HB 2039** (Burkett) *Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information regarding those cases to the legislature.*

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Human Services 4/13/2015.

**HB 2216** (Coleman) *Relating to information required of an applicant for a driver 's license.*

Narrows the allowable inquiries regarding an applicant's history of mental illness to the sole question as to whether that applicant has a current mental condition that might adversely affect driving ability.

Companion: none

**NAMI Texas SUPPORTS**

Current Status: Reported favorably from House Homeland Security and Public Safety; Sent to Local & Consent Calendar 4/10/2015.

**HB 2708** (Coleman) *Relating to the qualification for a parent, relative, or legal guardian teaching a driver education course to a person seeking a Class C license.*  
Would rectify current statute, which prohibits persons 'disabled because of a mental illness' from teaching the course.

Companion: none



### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Heard** in House Transportation subcommittee 3/31/2015; Left pending.

**HB 2789** (Raymond) *Relating to trauma-informed care training for certain employees of state supported living centers and intermediate care facilities.*  
Companion: None

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Human Services 4/13/2015.

**HB 2909** (Springer, et al) *Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.*  
Companion: SB 267 (Perry)

### NAMI Texas **STRONGLY OPPOSES**

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Urban Affairs 4/14/2015.

**HB 3025** (Farney) *Relating to health benefit coverage for prescription drug synchronization.*  
Companion: None

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Heard** in House Insurance 4/8/2015; Left pending.

**HB 3115** (Coleman) *Relating to coverage for certain services relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs.*  
Companion: SB 1698 (Huffman) –Similar

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Heard** in House Public Health 4/7/2015; Left pending

**HB 3404** (Thompson, S.) *Relating to a study on providing care to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.*  
Companion: None

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Heard** in House Defense & Veterans' Affairs 4/8/2015; Left pending

**HB 3476** (Coleman) *Relating to the provision and reimbursement of home telemonitoring services, telemedicine medical services, and telehealth services under the Medicaid program.*

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Scheduled for public hearing** in House Public Health 4/14/2015.

**HB 3643** (Naishtat) *Relating to the duration of temporary guardianships established pending contest of a decedent's estate.*  
Companion: none; HB 3645 (Naishtat) –identical

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence 3/19/2015.

**HB 3726** (Farias) *Relating to establishing a veterans reentry program for certain inmates and state jail defendants confined by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.*

Companion: None

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: **Heard** in House Defense & Veterans' Affairs 4/8/2015; Left pending

**HB 3903** (Sheffield) *Relating to a requirement that a hospital allow a patient to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instruction regarding the patient.*

Attempting to enhance post-hospitalization continuity of care.

Companion: SB 1952 (Hinojosa) –identical

### NAMI Texas SUPPORTS

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Public Health 3/23/2015.

### **Bills Currently Monitored**

**HB 1434** (McClendon) *Relating to the assignment of certain behavioral health professionals and school counselors to a public school campus.*

Would require employment of a mental health professional in school districts with average daily attendance of 250 or more and for that clinician to devote the majority of their time to clinical work and related assessments/interventions

Companion: none

### Watching

Current Status: In committee; referred to House Public Education 3/9/2015.

Also of Note:

Exceptional Item 6D in the Department of State Health Services budget.  
(Clubhouse funding)

### NAMI Texas **STRONGLY SUPPORTS**

Continuation or enhancement of FY 2015 housing funding in Article II.

### NAMI Texas **STRONGLY SUPPORTS**

