

# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1.13.20



The legislature returned to work on Wednesday, marking the beginning of another 120-day session. As of Friday (1/10/20) morning, the House introduced 82 bills and the Senate introduced 62 bills. Mental Health Colorado has flagged 29 bills so far that have a potential impact on individuals with a mental health or substance use condition, ranging from policies proposed by the Opioid and School Safety Interim Committees to expanding access to quality health care through Medicaid buy-in for aging adults.

Governor Polis delivered his State of the State address to the legislature on Thursday. He highlighted mental health with the following statement: “Reducing costs in our health care system will also help us tackle one of our most pressing problems—our state’s mental health and addiction crisis.” He emphasized the work of the Behavioral Health Task Force and the need for efficiencies in the system and appropriate step-down alternatives for individuals leaving inpatient settings. Other priorities that Governor Polis emphasized include paid family leave, universal access to quality pre-school, high prescription drug costs, tackling the high cost of health care, and clean energy. You can watch the full State of the State address [here](#).

## ➤ New Bills

Bill #	Title	Status
<a href="#">HB20-1001</a>	Nicotine Product Regulation	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Health &amp; Insurance (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1005</a>	Enhance Safe2tell	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Education (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1006</a>	Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Public Health Care &amp; Human Services + Appropriations (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1008</a>	Health Care Cost-sharing Consumer Protections	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Health &amp; Insurance (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1009</a>	Suppressing Court Records of Eviction Proceedings	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Judiciary (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1011</a>	Helping Others Manage Early Childhood Act	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Education + Appropriations (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1012</a>	Child Welfare Program Children Developmental Disabilities	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Public Health Care &amp; Human Services (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1016</a>	Increase Quality In Early Childhood Education Programs	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Education + Appropriations (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1017</a>	Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Criminal Justice System	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Public Health Care &amp; Human Services + Appropriations (01/08/2020)</i>
<a href="#">HB20-1019</a>	Prison Population Reduction and Management	<i>Introduced in House - Assigned to Judiciary + Appropriations (01/08/2020)</i>

<a href="#">HB20-1028</a>	Need for Juvenile Behavioral Health Treatment	Introduced in House - Assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1035</a>	Programs to Develop Housing Support Services	Introduced in House - Assigned to Transportation & Local Government + Appropriations (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1040</a>	Concealed Handguns on School Grounds	Introduced in House - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1043</a>	Income Tax Credit for Early Childhood Education Fix	Introduced in House - Assigned to Education + Finance (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1053</a>	Supports for Early Childhood Educator Workforce	Introduced in House - Assigned to Education + Appropriations (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1058</a>	Behavior Analysts in Public Schools	Introduced in House - Assigned to Education (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1065</a>	Harm Reduction Substance Use Disorders	Introduced in House - Assigned to Health & Insurance (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">HB20-1079</a>	Juveniles on Colorado Sex Offender Registry	Introduced in House - Assigned to Judiciary (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-001</a>	Expand Behavioral Health Training For K-12 Educators	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Education (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-007</a>	Treatment Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-014</a>	Excused Absences in Public Schools For Behavioral Health	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Education (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-016</a>	Notify If School Employee Gives Drugs to Students	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Judiciary (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-023</a>	Colorado Working Group on School Safety	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Education (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-026</a>	Workers' Compensation for Audible Psychological Trauma	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Business, Labor, & Technology (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-028</a>	Substance Use Disorder Recovery	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-033</a>	Allow Medicaid Buy-in Program After Age 65	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-042</a>	Extend Committee Treatment Persons in Criminal And Juvenile Justice Systems	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Judiciary (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-043</a>	Out-of-network Provider Reimbursement Rate	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services (01/08/2020)
<a href="#">SB20-060</a>	Criminal Justice System Operational Processes Study	Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Judiciary (01/08/2020)

## ➤ Schedule for Next Week

No flagged bills have been assigned to committee next week.

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