Southeast Telehealth Resource Center covers the states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

A few notes about this report:
1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

**All Bills (Listed by Topic)**

**Cross-State Licensing (10)**

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**Title**
Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, established to authorize licensed psychologists to practice on a limited basis among compact member states

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

**Primary Sponsors**
Andrew Jones
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**Title**

Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, established to authorize licensed physical therapists and assistant to practice among compact member states

**Primary Sponsors**

Tom Whatley

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Physical Therapy Compact.

**Title**

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, established to authorize licensees to practice among compact member states

**Primary Sponsors**

Sam Givhan

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

**Title**

Department of Health

**Description**

Implementing Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; provides for interstate medical licensure process & requirements for multistate practice; revises provisions relating to licensure & regulation of clinical social workers, marriage & family therapists, & mental health counselors; revises provisions relating to interns in mental health profession.

**Primary Sponsors**

Tommy Gregory, Subcommittee on Health Quality

**Bill Summary:** Implements the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
**Title**
Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

**Description**
Provides exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by DOH, Board of Medicine, or Board of Osteopathic Medicine, pursuant to Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; provides exemption from public meeting requirements for certain meetings or portions of certain meetings of Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission; provides exemption from public records requirements for recordings, minutes, & records generated during exempt meeting or portion of such meeting; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity.

**Primary Sponsors**
Tommy Gregory

**Bill Summary:** Provides for certain exemptions from rules and requirements for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

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**Title**
Health Care Practitioner Licensure

**Description**
Establishing that a physician licensed under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is deemed to be licensed under chapter 458; establishing that an osteopathic physician licensed under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is deemed to be licensed under chapter 459; deleting a provision classifying the failure to repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or federal government in accordance with the terms of the loan as a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation; implementing the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in this state, etc.

**Primary Sponsors**
Gayle Harrell

**Bill Summary:** Enters Florida into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
### Public Records and Meetings/Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

**Title**
Public Records and Meetings/Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

**Description**
Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, pursuant to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for certain meetings or portions of certain meetings of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

**Primary Sponsors**
Gayle Harrell, Senate Committee on Health Policy

**Bill Summary:**
Makes necessary adjustments to records request processes in order to accommodate requirements of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

### Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

**Title**
Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

**Description**
Creating the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for recognition of psychologist licenses in compact states; maintaining that authority over a psychologist's license remains with the home state but authorizing receiving states to define the scope of and act on a psychologist's authority to practice in the compact state under the compact; requiring the Department of Health to report certain investigative information to the coordinated licensure information system; requiring the Board of Psychology to appoint an individual to serve as the state's commissioner on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission, etc.

**Primary Sponsors**
Gayle Harrell

**Bill Summary:**
Enters Florida into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.
Title
Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; revise licensing provisions

Description
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speech-language pathologists and audiologists, so as to revise licensing provisions; to provide for national background checks by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center; to enter into an interstate compact known as the “Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact”; to authorize the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to administer the compact in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Dave Belton, Mark Newton, Randy Nix, Al Williams, Brian Prince

Bill Summary: Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Title
“Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact”; enter into compact; licensing provisions; revise

Description
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speech-language pathologists and audiologists, so as to revise licensing provisions; to enter into an interstate compact known as the “Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact”; to authorize the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to administer the compact in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Valencia Seay, Jeff Mullis, Dean Burke, Nan Orrock, Gloria Butler, Jen Jordan, Ed Harbison, Larry Walker, P.K. Martin, Kay Kirkpatrick

Bill Summary: Enters Georgia into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (8)
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**Title**

- **Community Health Centers of Pinellas - Telehealth for Public Schools**
- **Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families**
- **Memorial Healthcare System TAP (Telehealth Access for Patients) Program**

**Description**

- Provides an appropriation for the Community Health Centers of Pinellas - Telehealth for Public Schools.
- Provides an appropriation for the Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families.
- Provides an appropriation for the Memorial Healthcare System TAP (Telehealth Access for Patients) Program.

**Primary Sponsors**

- Chris Latvala
- Loranne Ausley
- Shev Jones

**Bill Summary**

- Appropriates $500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health to fund the Community Health Centers of Pinellas - Telehealth for Public Schools.
- Appropriates $350,000 from the General Revenue Fund to fund Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families.
- Appropriates $1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to fund the Memorial Healthcare System Telehealth Access for Patients Program.
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**Title**
Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research Expansion of Statewide Telemedicine and Telehealth Services for Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease

**Description**
Provides an appropriation for the Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research Expansion of Statewide Telemedicine and Telehealth Services for Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease.

**Primary Sponsors**
Shev Jones

**Bill Summary:** Appropriates $1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to fund the Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research Expansion of Statewide Telemedicine and Telehealth Services.

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**Title**
PanCare School Telehealth

**Description**
Provides an appropriation for the PanCare School Telehealth.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jay Trumbull

**Bill Summary:** Appropriates approximately $146,000 to the PanCare School Telehealth program.

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**Title**
General Appropriations Act

**Description**
Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2020, & ending June 30, 2021, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2020, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government.

**Primary Sponsors**
Travis Cummings, House Committee on Appropriations

**Bill Summary:** Makes appropriations to certain telehealth programs and pilots.
### Appropriations

**Title**
Appropriations

**Description**
Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2020, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.

**Primary Sponsors**
Senate Committee on Appropriations

**Bill Summary:** Makes appropriations to certain telehealth programs and pilots.

### Other (2)

#### Certain Defendants with Mental Illness

**Title**
Certain Defendants with Mental Illness

**Description**
Exempts certain fiscally constrained counties from local match requirements for specified grants; creates pilot programs in certain counties for specified purpose & number of years; requires sheriffs’ offices in such counties to establish law enforcement behavioral health intervention units; provides training & program requirements; requires annual reports; provides expiration dates for pilot programs.

**Primary Sponsors**
Elizabeth Fetterhoff, House Committee on Judiciary

**Bill Summary:** Allows mental health assessments for defendants to be conducted via telehealth.
### Title
Involuntary Examinations of Minors

### Description
Revising parent and guardian notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; creating reporting requirements for schools relating to involuntary examinations of minors; requiring that certain plans include procedures to assist certain mental and behavioral health providers in attempts to verbally de-escalate certain crisis situations before initiating an involuntary examination, etc.

### Primary Sponsors
Gayle Harrell, Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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### Private Payer Reimbursement (3)

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### Title
Florida Statutes

### Description
Deletes provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replaces incorrect cross-references & citations; corrects grammatical, typographical, & like errors; removes inconsistencies, redundancies, & unnecessary repetition in statutes; & improves clarity of statutes & facilitates their correct interpretation.

### Primary Sponsors
Colleen Burton, House Committee on Rules

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### Title
Florida Statutes

### Description
Deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes, etc.

### Primary Sponsors
Lizbeth Benacquisto

### Bill Summary:
- **Title:** Involuntary Examinations of Minors
- **Description:** Revising parent and guardian notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; creating reporting requirements for schools relating to involuntary examinations of minors; requiring that certain plans include procedures to assist certain mental and behavioral health providers in attempts to verbally de-escalate certain crisis situations before initiating an involuntary examination, etc.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Gayle Harrell, Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

### Bill Summary:
- **Title:** Private Payer Reimbursement (3)
- **Description:** Deletes provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replaces incorrect cross-references & citations; corrects grammatical, typographical, & like errors; removes inconsistencies, redundancies, & unnecessary repetition in statutes; & improves clarity of statutes & facilitates their correct interpretation.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Colleen Burton, House Committee on Rules

### Bill Summary:
- **Title:** Makes technical changes to the telehealth private payer law.
- **Description:** Deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes, etc.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

### Bill Summary:
- **Title:** Makes a technical correction to Florida's telehealth private payer law.
- **Description:** Deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes, etc.
- **Primary Sponsors:** Lizbeth Benacquisto
Title
Applied Behavior Analysis Services

Description
Authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to establish a certification process for registered behavior technicians; requiring the agency to recognize the certification of registered behavior technicians awarded by a nonprofit corporation that meets specified requirements; providing an exemption from licensure requirements for certain individuals who are employed or under contract with certain entities providing applied behavior analysis services; revising the definition of the term "private instructional personnel" to include certain registered behavior technicians, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Gayle Harrell, Senate Committee on Health Policy

Bill Summary: Includes a behavior analyst in the definition of a telehealth provider.
## Southeast TRC Regulatory Update

### Feb 28, 2020

**Total State Regs Exported : 4**

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**Issues**
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

**Labels**

**Title**
2020-2023 Alabama State Health Plan

**Agency**
HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AL)

**Description**
Proposes an Alabama State Health Plan which includes recommendations to expand the use of telehealth within the state.

**Regulation Summary**
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**Issues**
Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

**Labels**

**Title**
Disciplinary Guidelines

**Agency**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (FL), Board of Medicine (FL)

**Description**
The Board proposes the development of rule amendments to address violations with regard to telehealth practice.

**Regulation Summary**
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Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards

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Disciplinary Guidelines

**Agency**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (FL), Board of Osteopathic Medicine (FL)

**Description**
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**Issues**
Cross-State Licensing

**Labels**

**Title**
Telehealth Practitioner Survey Procedures

**Agency**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (FL), Division of Medical Quality Assurance (FL)

**Description**
This rulemaking deletes the telehealth survey requirement and provides for registration of out-of-state telehealth providers.

**Regulation Summary**
Eliminates the obsolete telehealth survey requirement and provide a form for out-of-state telehealth providers to register with the appropriate board, or the department, if there is no board, prior to providing telehealth services to patients located in this state, as required by recently enacted legislation.