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 (by topic)

### Cross-State Licensing (7)

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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.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-04
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**Title**
- Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, established to authorize licensed physical therapists and assistant to practice among compact member states
- Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, established to authorize licensees to practice among compact member states
- Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

**Primary Sponsors**
- Tom Whatley
- Sam Givhan
- Gayle Harrell

**Bill Summary**
- Enacts the Physical Therapy Compact.
- Bill Summary: Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.
- Bill Summary: Enters Florida into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

**Introduction Date**
- 2020-02-11
- 2020-02-27
- 2020-01-03
Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; revise licensing provisions

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.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-20

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

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.

Introduction Date: 2020-01-27
Title
Telemedicine

Description
A Bill To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Section 38-71-295 So As To Define "Telemedicine" And "Telehealth" And Require All Individual And Group Health Insurance, Health Maintenance Organizations, And The State Health Plan To Provide Coverage For The Cost Of Telemedicine Services.

Primary Sponsors
J.A. Moore

Bill Summary: Defines telemedicine or telehealth and requires all health insurance plans to provide coverage for the cost of telemedicine services when the services are recommended by a treating physician.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-12

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (5)

Title
Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families

Description
Provides an appropriation for the Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families.

Primary Sponsors
Loranne Ausley

Bill Summary: Appropriates $350,000 from the General Revenue Fund to fund Mental Health and Telehealth Services for Children and Families.

Introduction Date: 2019-11-15

Title
Memorial Healthcare System TAP (Telehealth Access for Patients) Program

Description
Provides an appropriation for the Memorial Healthcare System TAP (Telehealth Access for Patients) Program.

Primary Sponsors
Shev Jones

Bill Summary: Appropriates $1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to fund the Memorial Healthcare System Telehealth Access for Patients 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.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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**Title**

**Appropriations**

**Description**

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**Primary Sponsors**

Senate Committee on Appropriations

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

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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**Primary Sponsors**

Senate Committee on Appropriations

**Bill Summary:** Makes appropriations for various telehealth programs.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-06

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Introduction Date: 2020-05-12

Title
Medicaid Expansion Act

Description
A Bill To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, To Enact The "Medicaid Expansion Act" By Adding Section 44-6-120 So As To Provide That, In Order To Mitigate The Spread Of The Coronavirus Pandemic, An Adult Under The Age Of Sixty-Five Years Whose Income Is At Or Below One Hundred Thirty-Eight Percent Of The Federal Poverty Level Is Eligible For Medicaid As Provided For In The Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act, To Provide For The Appropriation Of Certain Funds To The South Carolina Department Of Health And Human Services To Facilitate The Expansion Of Medicaid To This Population, And To Require The Department To Ensure Coverage Of Health Services Provided Through Telemedicine.

Primary Sponsors
J.A. Moore

Bill Summary: Requires the department to ensure that any available Medicaid health insurance plan provides coverage for a service delivered through telemedicine if the health care service would be covered if provided through in-person consultation between the patient and the health care provider. Coverage for health care services provided through telemedicine must be determined in a manner consistent with coverage for health care services provided through in-person consultation and must be consistent statewide, regardless of where the patient is receiving the service.

Introduction Date: 2020-05-12

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (1)
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**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.

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**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.

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**Title**: Telehealth Practitioner Survey Procedures  
**Agency**: Division of Medical Quality Assurance (FL), DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (FL)  
**Description**: 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.