



Indiana Behavioral Health Legislative Update

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The Indiana General Assembly has officially moved into the second half of the 2025 legislative session, marking a critical time for key bills that impact behavioral health. As discussions continue, the focus remains on securing funding for mental health services, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and community-based treatment programs.

Since its launch, 988 has provided life-saving crisis intervention for Hoosiers in need, connecting individuals to trained professionals who can offer immediate support. However, continued operation and expansion of 988 require sustainable funding, which is currently at risk in the state budget.

Without proper investment, Indiana could see a rollback of crisis services, limiting access to mental health support at a time when demand is higher than ever. MHAI urges legislators to fully fund 988 and prioritize mental health in House Bill 1001 to ensure every Hoosier has access to timely crisis care.

We need your help! **Contact your state senators today and urge them to fully fund mental health in the Indiana state budget.** Every Hoosier deserves access to quality mental health care, and without proper funding, critical services will be left struggling to meet demand.

Stay tuned as we track the progress of important bills impacting health and safety across the state. Your voice makes a difference!

Fully Fund Mental Health in Indiana's State Budget

Bills Heard in the Senate

[House Bill 1001 – State Budget \(Thompson, Porter, Snow, Jordan\)](#)

Synopsis: HB 1001 appropriates money for state operations, Medicaid services, behavioral health programs, and capital expenditures. The bill extends hospital assessment fees and includes various tax incentives and funding allocations for public health initiatives. The budget also determines funding for crisis services, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, community mental health centers, and addiction treatment programs.

[House Bill 1385 – Health Care Facility Employees \(Bascom, Goss-Reaves, Dant, Chesser\)](#)

Synopsis: HB 1385 provides an exception to certain disqualifying conditions for nurse aides and unlicensed healthcare employees, allowing for additional workforce flexibility in healthcare facilities.

Bills Heard in the House

[Senate Bill 74 – Extension of Lifeline Law Immunity \(Alting\)](#)

Synopsis: SB 74 provides immunity from prosecution for certain alcohol-related offenses to individuals who: (1) are reasonably believed to be suffering from a health condition caused by alcohol consumption, and (2) are assisted by someone who requested emergency medical help on their behalf.

For the full list of priority bills we are tracking, please visit this [link](#).

