



SD ENA Annual Meeting/ Q1 2022 South Dakota ENA Government Affairs Report

State Update

2022 Nurses Day at the Legislature: **Feb 22nd**

- Event moved to virtual only. Governor Noem, Dept. Social Services Laurie Gill, and Dept. of Health Interim Secretary Joan Adam to speak on legislative health policy. Sandra Schindler and Kip Littau registered to attend. Agenda for the event found here:
 - https://s3.amazonaws.com/nursing-network/production/attachments/253725/original/5.1_Virtual_NDL_Program_Agenda.pdf?2022
- SD ENA financially supporting the event led by South Dakota Nurses Association with a \$50 donation. This is consistent with past donations from our organization and designates our organization as a co-sponsor.

2022 South Dakota Legislative Session

- 1/11/22 through 3/10/21. 38 working days.
 - HB 1038 Opioid trust fund to remediate opioid addiction effects
 - HB 1068 Consent for sexual assault exams in the ED for 16- and 17-year-olds not requiring parent/guardian permission
 - HB 1086 provide for the redistribution of donated prescription drugs and medical supplies
 - SB 19 Medical marijuana regulation for prescribers and cardholders
- Follow bill movement on the SDLRC website and sign-up for emails when bills move from committee to the floor and between house/senate.
 - <https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/64>

Federal News

Save the Date: **May 3-4, 2022** ENA Day on the Hill in Arlington, VA

Priority Bills:

- Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act of 2021 (S. 610/HR 1667)
 - This bill establishes grants and requires other activities to improve mental and behavioral health among health care providers. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants to hospitals, medical professional associations, and other health care entities for programs to promote mental health and resiliency among health care providers. This bill passed in the senate in August, 2021. Passed House 12/8/2021. Senate bill stripped of topic and transformed into Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act. House and Senate bills do not currently mirror each other, but it is anticipated that the Senate will pass the House version to become law.

- Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act (HR 1324/ S 467)
 - Passed in the House 05/12/2021. Action needed in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. May be roped into a broader package of mental health bills.
- Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (HR 1195)
 - Passed in the House 4/16/2021. Need action in the Senate. Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Action Alerts

- S. 467 improve the screening and treatment of ED patients at-risk for suicide
- S. 926/ HR 2145 Support the Survivors' Access to Supportive Care Act (SASCA) a bill that would help improve care and access to care of survivors of sexual assault
- INVEST in America Act. Children dying in hot cars language needs to be included in an upcoming infrastructure package. New cars to include safety devices to prevent children from being left behind in hot cars.
- Help Emergency Nurses to Get the PPE They Need. Tell Congress to Act Now! Emergency nurses need a coordinated Federal response to ensure equipment and supplies get where they are needed. Make the strategic national stockpile work for nurses!

EN 411

- Sign up on ena.org for EN 411. This provides updates on GA happenings. This includes action alerts that are an easy way to take action and make your voice heard!

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