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Senate Floor Time

Bill: SB 53, Behavioral Emergency Services Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Burton

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: enacts requirements and provisions relating to behavioral emergency services technicians.

Discussion: Sen. Thatcher said this went through interim and received strong support. This would be the first state to have a behavioral technician. It does not require a county or city to hire them. This bill just oversees the certification. Sen. Thatcher said this does not take away from the Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams. This response is just more specific. Sen. Thatcher said there is no appropriation on this bill. EMS teams will determine how to manage this team. This bill is giving EMT services a separate certification if they choose.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 2

N/V: 4

Outcome: Passed to the House for their consideration.

Bill: SB 47, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council

Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Romero

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council to establish protocols and standards for the training and functioning of local mental health crisis intervention teams.

Discussion: Sen. Thatcher said this bill creates a council made up of the effected parties to establish standards.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: Passed to the House for their consideration