



**Autism:
Issues of Coverage and Delivery of Care**

Introduction and Overview

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Autism Legislation 2005-2006

Passed (3)

- Kentucky [HB 296](#) – Study Bill
- New York [AB 699](#) – Mandated Benefit
- Tennessee [HB 2744/SB 2719](#) – Mandated Benefit

Proposed, but Failed (16)

- California SB 749 – Mandated Benefit
 - Florida HB 31 – Mandated Benefit
 - Florida HB 51 – Mandated Benefit
 - Florida SB 138 – Mandated Benefit
 - Florida SB 1010 – Mandated Benefit
 - New Jersey AB 446 – Mandated Benefit
 - New Jersey SB 246 – Mandated Benefit
 - New York SB 784 – Mandated Benefit
 - Pennsylvania HB 2243 – Mandated Benefit
 - Pennsylvania HR 401 – Study Bill
 - Pennsylvania SB 1064 – Mandated Benefit
 - Pennsylvania SB 1335 – Mandated Benefit
 - South Carolina HB 4351 – Study Bill
 - South Carolina SB 958 – Mandated Benefit
 - Tennessee HB 2744 – Mandated Benefit
 - Texas SB 208 – Mandated Benefit
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2007-2008

Passed (13)

- Arizona [HB 2847](#) – Mandated benefit
 - California [SB 1563](#) – Task Force/Study Bill
 - Connecticut [HB 5696](#) – Mandated benefit
 - Florida [SB 2654](#) – Mandated Benefit
 - Hawaii [HB 2727](#) – Task Force/Study Bill
 - Hawaii [SCR 196](#) – Auditor Study Bill
 - Louisiana [HB 958](#) – Mandated Benefit
 - Minnesota [SR 176](#) – Task Force/Study Resolution
 - Missouri [HB 768](#) – Task Force/Study Bill
 - New Mexico [SB 197](#) – Mandated Benefits
 - Pennsylvania [HB 1150](#) – Mandated Benefit
 - South Carolina [SB 20](#) – Mandated Benefit
 - Texas [HB 1919](#) – Mandated Benefit
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Autism Spectrum Disorder Legislation 2007-2008

■ PROPOSED, but Failed (51)

- Alabama – HB 150
 - Arkansas – HB 2449
 - Arkansas – SB 93
 - Florida – SB 516
 - Hawaii – HB 2895
 - Hawaii – SB 2532
 - Hawaii – SB 2738
 - Illinois – HB 5595
 - Illinois – SB 1900
 - Illinois – SB 2499
 - Kansas – SB 398
 - Kentucky – HB 91
 - Michigan – HB 5527
 - Michigan – HB 5529
 - Michigan – SB 784
 - Michigan – SB 785
 - Minnesota – HB 4246
 - Minnesota – SB 3879
 - Mississippi – HB 1317
 - Mississippi – SB 2872
 - Mississippi – HB 387
 - Mississippi – HB 487
 - Mississippi – HB 751
 - Mississippi – SB 2568
 - Missouri – HB 1753
 - Missouri – HB 2265
 - Missouri – HB 2351
 - Missouri – SB 1122
 - Missouri – SB 1229
 - New Jersey – AB 999
 - New Jersey – AB 2238
 - New Jersey – SB 105
 - New Jersey – SB 1651
 - New York – AB 539
 - New York – SB 3121
 - Ohio – HB 170
 - Oklahoma – HB 2459
 - Oklahoma – HB 3259
 - Oklahoma – SB 1498
 - Oklahoma – SB 1537
 - Oklahoma – SB 1692
 - Oklahoma – SB 2118
 - South Carolina – SB 958
 - Texas – SB 419
 - Texas – SB 1224
 - Texas – HB 3540
 - West Virginia – HB 3086 / SB 637
 - West Virginia – HB 4091
 - West Virginia – SB 146
 - Wisconsin – AB 417
 - Wisconsin – SB 178
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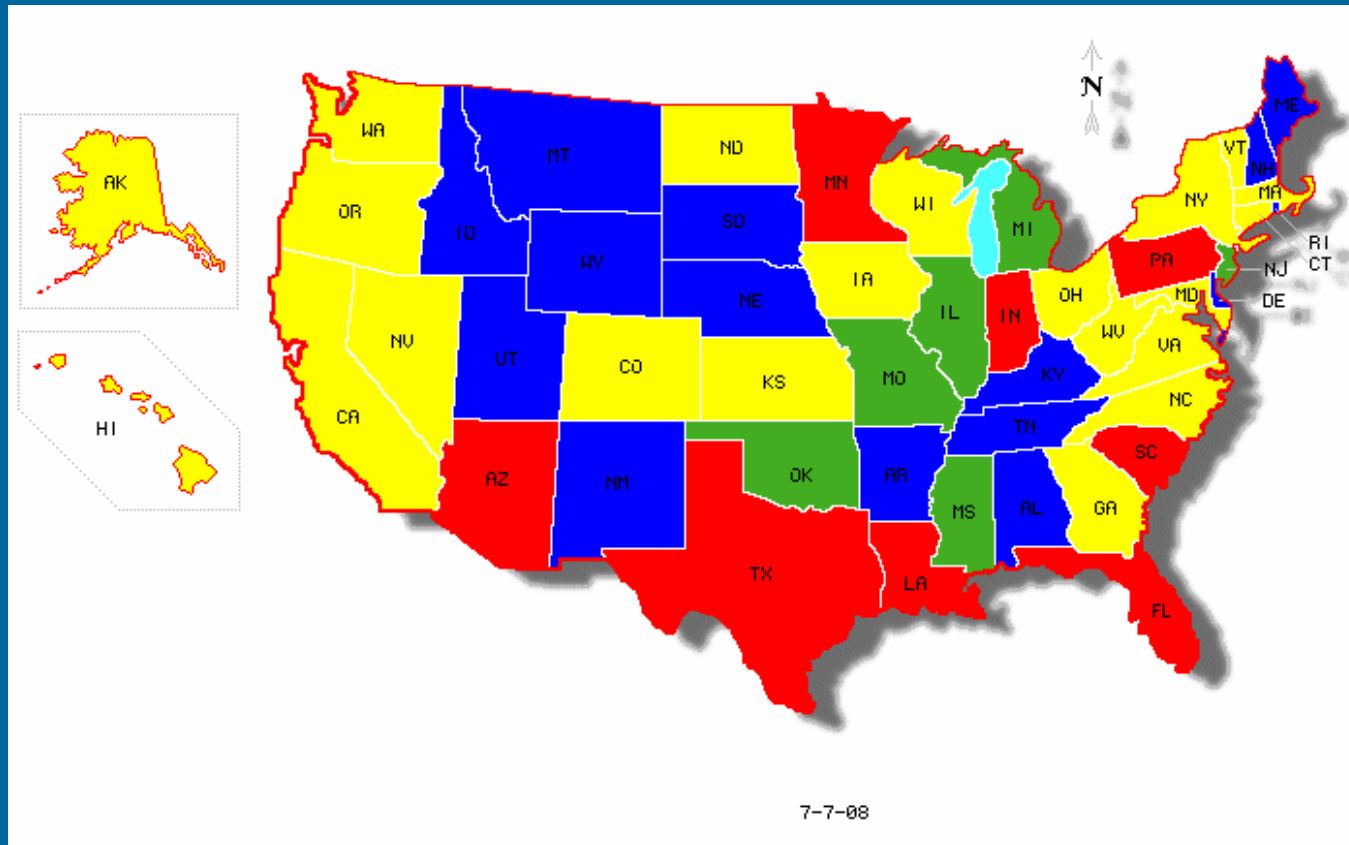


Autism Legislation

Common Approaches and Themes

- 30 states (AR, AZ, CA, CT, FL, HI, ID, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MO, MT, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT, VA, and WA) plus DC have enacted legislation that mandates coverage.
 - 4 states (FL, ME, MO and UT) mandate an offer of coverage for autism.
 - CO does not require coverage for autism, but, if coverage is provided it must be in the same manner as any other covered benefit
 - Ten states (CA, IA, KS, LA, ME, MA, MT, NH, NJ, NY, and VA) explicitly list autism or other developmental disorders as part of their definition of mental health mandated benefits.
 - Twelve states (AR, CT, FL, HI, ID, IL, MO, NC, RI, UT, VT, and WA) include a general definition in their respective mental health mandate that would include autism.
 - Thirteen jurisdictions (AZ, CT, DC, FL, IN, KY, LA, MD, OR, PA, SC, TN, and TX) require specific coverage for the treatment of autism or other developmental disorders.
 - Seven of these states (AZ, FL, IN, LA, PA, SC, and TX) specifically require coverage for treatments of applied behavior analysis or behavioral therapy.
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Autism Speaks™ State Initiative Map



Red = Autism Mandate in Place; Green = Autism Bill proposal endorsed by Autism Speaks;
 Yellow = Autism Bill proposal not endorsed by Autism Speaks; Blue = No Bill proposed in 2008



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