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## **CS SB 98(HSS) SECTIONAL SUMMARY**

### **Section 1**

Prohibits the Board of Professional Counselors from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for using telehealth technologies in the evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of a person when physically separated from the person if the licensee or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care, and the licensee follows patient consent protocols for sending medical records of the encounter to the person's primary care provider.

### **Section 2**

Prohibits the Board of Marital and Family Therapy from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for using telehealth technologies in the evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of a person when physically separated from the person if the licensee or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care, and the licensee follows patient consent protocols for sending medical records of the encounter to the person's primary care provider; requiring licensees meet the requirements established by the board in regulation, and requiring the board to adopt regulations governing the practice of telehealth and establish standards for training, confidentiality, supervision, and other practice related issues.

### **Section 3**

Prohibits the State Medical Board from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a physician for using the full continuum of telehealth care, including rendering a diagnosis, providing treatment, or prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription drug that is not a controlled substance without an in-person encounter if the physician or another licensed health care provider, or physician in the physician's group practice is available for follow-up care, and the physician follows patient consent protocols for sending medical records of the encounter to the person's primary care provider; and removes the requirement that the physician is located in the state.

### **Section 4**

Prohibits the State Medical Board from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a physician for prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription drug that is a controlled substance if the requirements of Section 3 are met, and the physician prescribes, dispenses, or administers the controlled substance when an appropriate licensed health care provider is present with the patient to assist the physician with examination, diagnosis, and treatment.

**Section 5**

Prohibits the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for using telehealth technologies in the evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of a person when physically separated from the person if the licensee or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care, and the licensee follows patient consent protocols for sending medical records of the encounter to the person's primary care provider.

**Section 6**

Prohibits the Board of Social Work Examiners from imposing disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for using telehealth technologies in the evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of a person when physically separated from the person if the licensee or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care, and the licensee follows patient consent protocols for sending medical records of the encounter to the person's primary care provider.