

State Policy & School-Based Mental Health in the Southeast

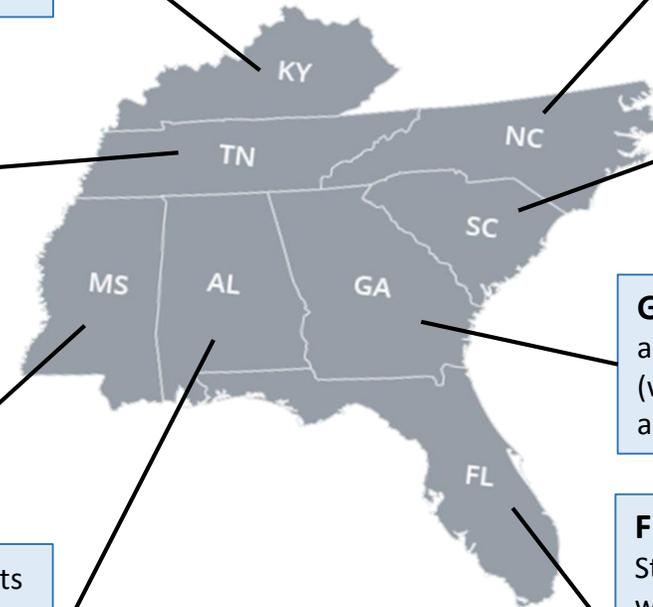
Recently enacted and currently considered SBMH state laws and executive actions

Kentucky: March 11, 2019 -- [SB1](#) (School Safety and Resiliency Act). Beginning July 1, 2021, at least one counselor in each school with the goal of having 1 for every 250 students, spending ≥60% of time on direct services.

Tennessee: May 21, 2019 – [HB 405](#) requires local board of education to adopt a policy requiring schools within the LEA to perform an ACEs assessment before suspending or expelling a student.

Mississippi: July 1, 2019 – [HB 1283](#) (Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019) includes provision related to clinic-school partnerships.

Alabama: October 2018 – House Speaker sets up [Advisory Committee](#) on School Safety to advise lawmakers on related bills in upcoming legislative session. Includes experts in mental health, education, & law enforcement.



North Carolina: Bills currently under consideration: [SB 601](#) (school-based mental health plan) and [SB 424](#) (fully fund school counselors & psychologists)

South Carolina: Bills currently under consideration: [HB 3258](#) (South Carolina School Safe Space Act) and [HB 3257](#) (Comprehensive Health Education Act)

Georgia: Feb 11, 2019 – Governor allocated additional [\\$8.4 million](#) to bolster APEX program (which supports partnerships between MH clinics and schools for SMH services).

Florida: March 9, 2018 – [SB 7026](#) (Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act) went into effect. Allocated [\\$69 million](#) to districts for school mental health. June 25, 2019 – [SB 1418](#) – encourages school districts to adopt a standardized suicide assessment tool.