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State	Legislation	Status	Fee and Services	Other Action
Alabama	None Introduced			Study Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Communication System was established by HJR 168 on May 6, 2021. The study commission will report its findings to the Senate and House on or before January 11, 2022.
Alaska	None Introduced			
Arizona	None Introduced			
Arkansas	None Introduced			
California	2021 AB 270	1/19/2021: Introduced 1/28/2021: Referred to Assembly Committees on Health and Communications and Conveyance	The bill would create the Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System, using the digits “988” for the 988 Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to charge a fee on each resident of the state that is a subscriber of commercial mobile or IP-enabled voice services to pay for the costs of the program. The bill would create the 988 Fund and would require the fees to be deposited along with other specified moneys into the 988 Fund. The amount of the fee is not specified in the bill. The bill would also require local jurisdictions, in collaboration with the Department, to create Mobile Crisis Teams, as specified, to provide onsite response services to crisis calls made through the hotline. A designated 988 Crisis Hotline Center would be required to meet the requirements set forth by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) for serving high-risk and specialized populations as identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), including training requirements and policies for transferring hotline callers to an appropriate specialized center or subnetworks within, or external to, the NSPL network.	

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California	2021 AB 988	<p>2/18/2021: Introduced 3/4/2021: Referred to Assembly Committees on Health and Communications and Conveyance (C&C) 4/20/2021: Recommended to pass and re-refer to Assembly Committee on C&C 4/21/2021: Re-referred to Assembly Committee on C&C 6/2/2021: Passed Assembly 6/24/2021: Referred to Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communication</p>	<p>The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to determine annually a surcharge amount that it estimates will produce sufficient revenue to fund the current fiscal year's 911 and 988 costs. For determinations made that are applicable to the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2020, and each calendar year thereafter, the surcharge amount shall be determined annually by dividing the costs, including incremental costs, the Office of Emergency Services estimates for the current fiscal year of 911 both of the following: (1) 911 costs, less the available balance in the State Emergency Telephone Number Account in the General Fund, but in no event shall the surcharge amount in any month be greater than \$0.80 per access line per month. (2) For the year beginning January 1, 2023, and each calendar year thereafter, 988 costs, less the available balance in the State Mental Health and Crisis Services Special Fund.</p>	
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Colorado	2021 SB 154	Enacted	<p>According to the bill, subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the Office of Behavioral Health may expend money from the fund for the administration and operation of the 988 crisis hotline center, and the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Revenue may expend money from the fund.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2022, a 988 surcharge is hereby imposed on service users in an amount to be established annually by the commission but not to exceed \$0.30 per month per 988 access connection. On or before October 1, 2021, and every October thereafter, the commission shall establish the amount of the surcharge for the next calendar year. The amount of the surcharge must be reasonably calculated to meet the needs of the 988 crisis hotline center based on the proposed budget provided to the commission by the Office of Behavioral Health in the Department of Human Services. Upon establishing the amount of the surcharge, the commission shall send notice of the new amount to all service suppliers. The amount of the surcharge imposed per 988 access connection must be uniform, regardless of the technology used to provide the 988 access connection.</p>
Connecticut	None Introduced		
Delaware	None Introduced		
Florida	None Introduced		
Georgia	None Introduced		
Hawaii	None Introduced		
Idaho	2021 SB 1125	<p>2/15/2021: Introduced</p> <p>2/16/2021: Referred to Senate Committee on Health & Welfare</p>	<p>The bill would impose a uniform suicide and mental health crisis access fee on each resident who is a subscriber of commercial landline, mobile or internet protocol-enabled voice services, and interconnected voice over internet protocol service lines at a rate per month, per telephone line, by all telecommunications providers of such services, not to exceed \$1.00 per month.</p> <p>The fee would be able to be adjusted as needed to provide for continuous operation, volume increases, and maintenance, but could not exceed the amount assessed for the 911 emergency communication fee. An annual evaluation of the assessed fee amount would be conducted by the administrator of each crisis care and suicide hotline.</p>

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Illinois	None Introduced			
Indiana	HB 1468	Enacted	The bill requires 988 crisis hotline centers to meet the requirements set forth by the national suicide prevention lifeline for serving high risk and specialized populations, including individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and other relevant and culturally sensitive special populations, including training requirements and policies for transferring callers to an appropriate specialized center or subnetwork. The bill also establishes the statewide 988 trust fund to create and maintain a statewide 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis system. The fund shall consist of appropriations made to the fund by the General Assembly, funds received from the federal government for the support of 988 services, investment earnings, and money from any other source, including gifts and grants.	
Iowa	None Introduced			
Kansas	2021 HB 2281	2/9/2021: Introduced 2/26/2021: H-HHS Comm. Report recommends pass favorably as amended. 3/5/2021: Withdrawn from House Calendar and referred to House Committee on Appropriations	The bill would impose a 988 fee in the amount of \$0.50 per month per subscriber account of any exchange telecommunications service, wireless telecommunications service, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service or other service capable of contacting a hotline center. Such fee would not be imposed on prepaid wireless service. The bill would require each exchange telecommunications service provider, wireless telecommunications service provider, VoIP service provider or other service provider to remit such fees to the Department of Revenue. The bill would require moneys credited to the fund to be used only to provide mobile crisis response services for persons with intellectual or developmental disability and to provide mobile crisis response services for behavioral health needs. The bill would also impose a prepaid wireless 988 fee of \$0.50 per retail transaction for prepaid wireless service.	
Kentucky	None Introduced			
Louisiana	None Introduced			
Maine	None Introduced			

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Maryland	None Introduced			
Massachusetts	2021 HD 2081	3/29/2021: Referred to House Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery (Companion bill—2021 SD 1274) 7/19/2021: Scheduled hearing	The bill would require 988 hotline centers to have the capability to serve high risk and specialized populations, including LGBTQ individuals, those with co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions, those with autism spectrum disorders or intellectual and developmental disabilities, Native Americans, and special populations; and capacity for providing linguistically and culturally competent care. The bill would also require the establishment of a monthly statewide 988 fee on each resident that is a subscriber of commercial mobile and/or IP-enabled voice services at a rate that provides for the robust creation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide 988 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis system and the continuum of services provided pursuant to national guidelines for crisis services.	
Michigan	2021 HB 5353	9/30/2021: Referred to House Committee on Health Policy	The bill would authorize the state crisis and access hotline to deploy crisis and outgoing services, including mobile crisis teams. The bill also would direct the State Department of Health and Human Services to fund crisis stabilization units with the 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline Fund.	
Michigan	2021 HB 5354	9/30/2021: Referred to House Committee on Health Policy	The bill would establish the 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline Fund. It would also direct the Department of Treasury to establish a monthly 988 charge and prepaid wireless 988 charge at rates that provide for the robust creation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide 988 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis system. The 988 charge would be set at \$0.55.	
Minnesota	None Introduced			
Mississippi	None Introduced			
Missouri	None Introduced			

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Montana	HB 315	2/19/2021: Tabled in Committee 4/8/2021: Missed deadline for revenue bill transmittal Bill Progress: Probably Dead (requires a supermajority vote to revive—usually 2/3)	For 988 services that do not include prepaid wireless services, the bill would impose a fee of \$0.10 cents a month for each access line on each subscriber in the state, and for prepaid wireless 988 services, a fee of \$0.10 per transaction on charges for prepaid wireless services. The provider would collect the fee.	
Nebraska	LB 247	Enacted	The bill creates the Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force will develop an implementation plan for Nebraska to integrate and utilize the 988 mental health crisis hotline established pursuant to federal law. The task force will conduct a cost analysis to determine how such a fee structure could be designed to cover the costs of the 911 mental health crisis hotline and report its findings no later than December 17, 2021.	
Nevada	SB 390	Enacted	The bill provides for the establishment of a suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline and requires the imposition of a surcharge on certain communications services to support the hotline. The Nevada State Board of Health is required to adopt regulations to impose a surcharge on each access line of each customer of a company that provides commercial mobile communication services or IP-enabled voice services in the State. The Commission would adopt regulations establishing the amount of the surcharge.	
New Hampshire	None Introduced			

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New Jersey	A 5496	3/17/21: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Committee on Health. (Companion Bill: SB 3500)	The bill would direct the Commissioner of Human Services to designate a crisis hotline center or centers to provide crisis intervention services and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing the 988 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline from anywhere in the state 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on or before July 16, 2022. A designated hotline center shall have an active agreement with the administrator of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for participation within the network. The bill would also direct the Commissioner of Human Services to establish and maintain a 988 trust fund for the purposes of creating and maintaining a statewide 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis system. The fund would consist of moneys from a statewide 988 fee assessed on users; appropriations, if any; grants and gifts; interest, premiums, gains, or other earnings on the fund; and any other moneys that are deposited and transferred to the fund. The 988 fee would be levied monthly on each resident that is a subscriber of commercial mobile services or IP-enabled voice services at a fixed rate. The amount of the fee is not specified within the bill.	
New Jersey	A1847	2/3/2020: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee	The bill would establish a 24-hour, toll-free Mental Illness Resource Hotline and develop a Hotline connection system to ensure that callers are connected to other appropriate hotlines when needed. [Note : The bill does not specify fees.]	
New Mexico	None Introduced			
New York	S 6194	6/8/21: Passed Senate 6/10/21: Substituted for AB7177b 6/10/21: Passed Assembly	The Department of Public Service would, on or before July 16, 2022, designate a 988 crisis hotline center or centers. The Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health would submit an evaluation of available and new revenue sources to support the implementation, staffing, and ongoing activities of 988 services.	
North Carolina	None Introduced			
North Dakota	None Introduced			

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Ohio	2021 HB 468	10/27/21: Introduced 11/2/21: Referred to Committee on Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports	The bill would establish a 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis telephone line, including a 988 administrator within the department of mental health and addiction services. The administrator would work with local service boards and jurisdictions to designate and oversee crisis centers, collect and maintain data and submit an annual report, oversee the collection and disbursement from the 988 fund, and coordinate with the veterans crisis line. The bill would also create in the state treasury the 988 fund consisting of money from appropriations, donations, interest, and other earnings. [Note : The bill does not specify fees.]	
Oklahoma	None Introduced			
Oregon	2021 HB 2417	Enacted	The bill directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a crisis hotline center to receive calls, texts, and chats from the 988 hotline and to provide crisis intervention services. The bill appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority \$5.0 million out of the State General Fund for costs associated with the crisis hotline center and \$10.0 million out of the State General Fund for distribution to counties to establish and maintain mobile crisis intervention teams. The bill also directs the Oregon Health Authority to send a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 1, 2022, addressing, among other things, whether a fee should be proposed to pay expenses that the State is expected to incur for maintaining crisis services and the 988 hotline.	
Pennsylvania	None Introduced			
Rhode Island	None Introduced			
South Carolina	None Introduced			
South Dakota	2021 HCR 6008	Enrolled	The resolution calls for the creation of an interim task force on the delivery of mental health services in order to further the objectives described in the resolution, including the 988 hotline.	
Tennessee	None Introduced			
Texas	None Introduced			

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Utah	2021 SB 155	Enacted	<p>The bill creates the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Account consisting of money appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature and contributions. The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health shall disburse funds in the account only for the purpose of support or implementation of services or enhancements of those services in order to rapidly, efficiently and effectively deliver 988 services.</p> <p>The Department of Health is required to submit a waiver or state plan amendment to allow for reimbursement for 988 services provided to an individual who is eligible and enrolled in Medicaid at the time of the service is provided.</p>	
Vermont	None Introduced			
Virginia	2021 SB 1302	Enacted	<p>The bill requires the establishment of a crisis call center by the Department of Health to provide crisis intervention services and crisis care coordination to individuals access the National Suicide Prevention Line from any jurisdiction in the state, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</p> <p>The bill establishes the Crisis Call Center Fund in the Treasury. Each dealer, as defined in statute, shall collect a prepaid wireless 988 charge of \$0.08 from the end user as defined in statute, with respect to each retail transaction. A dealer may combine the tax imposed by the subdivision and prepared wireless E-911 charged imposed by statute into a combined charge collected on the retail transaction and remitted to the Department of Taxation. If the dealer elects to combine, the combined charge must identify it as 911/988 Charge on the invoice.</p> <p>Each commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider (mobile telecommunications service authorized by the Federal Communications Commission) and each reseller of CMRS shall collect a monthly postpaid wireless 988 charge of \$0.12 from each of its customers whose place of primary use is within the state. The charge shall be billed with respect to customers of post paint CMRS, by each CMRS provider and reseller of CMRS on each CMRS device capable of two-way interactive voice communication.</p>	

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Washington	2021 HB 1477	Enacted	<p>The bill requires the Department of Health to designate crisis hub centers by July 1, 2024.</p> <p>The bill also imposes a statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line tax on the use of all radio access lines. Beginning October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, the tax rate is \$0.24 for each radio access line; and beginning January 1, 2023, the tax rate is \$0.40 for each radio access line.</p> <p>The bill also imposes a statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line tax on all interconnected VoIP service lines and switched access lines in the state. Beginning October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, the tax rate is \$0.30 and beginning January 1, 2023, the tax rate is \$0.50.</p>	
West Virginia	None Introduced			
Wisconsin	None Introduced			
Wyoming	None Introduced			