



**May 9, 2017**

**Texas Counseling Association**

**URGENT ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT!**

1. Please call Representative Todd Hunter's office, Chairman of the House Calendars Committee, **(512) 463-0672**. Ask him to **set HB 2898 on a Major State Calendar**. This is the Sunset Bill for all mental health providers, except psychiatrists! *The floor amendment will address all concerns.*

2. Please call the Senate Health and Human Services committee offices at **512-463-0360**. Ask them to please **set SB311 for a hearing as soon as possible**. This is the Sunset Bill for all mental health providers in Texas, except psychiatrists.

#### **Talking Points:**

- This bill is supported by all mental health licensing boards as an efficient model.
- Given the mental health workforce shortage areas, Texas needs the efficient and effective model that is HB 2898 and SB 311.

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#### **What Can You Do?**

- **IDENTIFY** [who represents](#) you and load their contact information into your phone or computer.
- **REGISTER** [to attend](#) the May 16 Advocacy Day. Bring a friend. TCA membership is encouraged but not required.
- **ACT** on every alert that you receive. A call is better than an email; a visit is better than a call.
- **SHARE** the *Weekly Update and Call to Action Alerts* across your networks and social media. Please acknowledge TCA as your source when you share.
- **REVIEW** bills that interest you and let [Jan Friese, TCA Executive Director](#), know what you think about them. Set up a personal tracking system at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).
- **WATCH** the [TCA Advocacy Video](#) on the TCA YouTube Channel to hone your advocacy skills. Thank you for all you do to support professional counselors, your students and your clients.