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## **Representative Christine Hunschofsky Passes Legislation to Increase Access to Mental Health Care**

**Tallahassee, FL**—Today, [House Bill 953](#): **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact** sponsored by **Representative Christine Hunschofsky (D-Parkland)**, expanding telehealth laws for psychologists to ensure continued care across state lines passed the Florida House of Representatives.

Currently, 27 states have enacted PSYPACT legislation. With Florida joining the Compact, Floridians would have increased access to care. In addition, the legislation will facilitate the continuity of care when a client/patient relocates, certify that psychologists have met acceptable standards of practice, promote cooperation across PSYPACT states in the area of licensure and regulation, and offers a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines.

“The compact is an important step in providing the ability for our college students to continue their mental health care with their trusted mental health professional once they leave home,” said **Representative Hunschofsky**. “That is one of the major benefits of this bill, in addition to more opportunity for access to quality mental health care for Floridians.”

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