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THE FUTURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IT IN THE SENATE:

Comprehensive mental health reform has been tangled up in gun politics all year in the Senate, but behavioral health IT vendor Netsmart still wants the chamber to take up the Senate HELP Committee's bill ([S. 2680](#)) during its four-week September work period. If that happens, the group hopes it will give a chance to debate Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse's legislation to extend meaningful use incentives to mental health providers in a five-state, \$250 million pilot ([S. 2691](#)). Both bills have had trouble getting off the ground. More on the issue: <http://bit.ly/2chTh2K>