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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill provides for mental health screening and services for truant students.

#### Section

- 1**     **Notice to parent or guardian when child is a continuing truant.** Amends § 260A.03. Adds, in the notification to parents that their child is a continuing truant, that an assessment, including mental health screening, may be available.
- 2**     **Community-based action projects.** Amends § 260A.04, subdivision 2. Adds that a mental health screening may be available to help assess the underlying issues that contribute to the child's truant behavior. Adds classroom modifications and accommodations as a school service that may be available to help eliminate truant behavior.
- 3**     **Truancy service centers.** Amends § 260A.04, subdivision 4. Adds that truancy service centers may evaluate the need for and make referral to a mental health provider.