

Subject Student mental health

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Overview

This bill establishes a new category of revenue to be included in a district or charter school's general revenue. The student mental health supports revenue would equal the statewide average salary and benefits for eligible positions per 2,000 or fewer students times two. A district or charter school that receives the revenue would be required to conduct mental health screening on students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Mental health screening
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Subd. 1. Screening required. Requires a district or charter school that receives student mental health supports revenue to hire student mental health support staff to conduct mental health screenings on students in kindergarten through grade 12. Defines "student mental health support staff" as school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, and chemical dependency counselors.

Subd. 2. Parent notice. Requires a district or charter school to give parents notice before a student participates in mental health screening and give the parent the option to decline the screening. Requires notice to parents if a student's screening indicates a potential mental health condition.

Subd. 3. Commissioner assistance. Allows the commissioner to provide districts and charter schools with sample mental health screenings and other resources.

Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.

2	Revenue calculation. [General education revenue]
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Makes charter schools eligible for student mental health supports revenue.

Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.

Section	Description
3	<p>General education revenue. [General education revenue]</p> <p>Adds student mental health supports revenue to the list of revenues included in general education revenue.</p> <p>Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.</p>
4	<p>Student mental health supports. [General education revenue]</p> <p>Requires a district or charter school to report to the commissioner the number of student mental health support staff employed in the 2021-2022 school year, and the number of new positions eligible for funding with student mental health supports revenue, and the salary and benefits of the personnel in the new positions.</p> <p>Makes districts and charter schools eligible to receive funding for two mental health support positions for each 2,000 or fewer students; each position is funded at the statewide average salary and benefit amount for student health support staff.</p> <p>Allows a district or charter school to use revenue to contract for mental health supports services for students.</p> <p>Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.</p>
5	<p>Appropriations; additional general education aid for student mental health supports.</p> <p>Appropriates money for the increased general education aid to include student mental health supports revenue.</p> <p>Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.</p>



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