



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

Raised Bill No. 216

LCO No. 1533



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE USE OF AN
ONLINE SOFTWARE APPLICATION TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL
HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The Department of Education shall
2 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of permitting local and
3 regional boards of education to utilize in schools in the state an online
4 software application that is designed to address the mental health needs
5 of students by providing student users access to mental health
6 professionals while maintaining the anonymity of such student users.
7 Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit such
8 feasibility study and any recommendations to the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
11 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to conduct a study of the feasibility of using an online mental health needs software application in schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]