

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 934

January Session, 2021

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than September 2 1, 2021, each local and regional board of education shall compile, and 3 annually update, a list of every mental and emotional health resource 4 available to the students and families in such board's school district. 5 Such list shall include, but not be limited to, resources provided by (1) 6 the board, (2) community providers, (3) school-based health centers, or 7 (4) the state. Each resource shall be listed with a telephone number, an 8 electronic mail address or an Internet link. Each board shall post the list 9 of available mental and emotional health resources on such board's 10 Internet web site and distribute such list to parents of students in the 11 school district at least semiannually, in September and May of each 12 school year.

(b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall distribute to students taking a course in health and safety an age and developmentally appropriate list of mental and emotional health resources available to such students, including, but not limited to, 18 national youth suicide prevention helplines accessible by text message.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

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