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SENATE BILL No. 435

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Citations Affected: IC 20-30; IC 20-34.

Synopsis: Mental health education and screenings. Requires a school corporation's health education curriculum to include mental health wellness education. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may provide mental health screenings to students if the written consent of the student's parent or guardian is received. Requires the department of education to provide a school corporation with resources regarding mental health wellness upon request by the school corporation.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

**Mrvan, Grooms,
Randolph Lonnie M, Stoops**

January 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.
February 6, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 14, 2017, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
February 15, 2017, engrossed.
February 16, 2017, returned to second reading.
February 20, 2017, re-read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2007,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. **(a) As used in this section, "mental health
4 wellness education" means the provision of information concerning
5 mental health and mental illness, including bringing awareness to
6 the following:**
7 **(1) The stigma associated with mental illness.**
8 **(2) Resources to seek help and support concerning mental
9 health.**
10 **(3) The importance of positive mental health.**
11 **(4) Experiences and understanding of mental health and
12 mental illnesses.**
13 **(b)** Each school corporation shall include in the school corporation's
14 curriculum the following studies:
15 (1) Language arts, including:
16 (A) English;
17 (B) grammar;

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- 1 (C) composition;
 2 (D) speech; and
 3 (E) second languages.
 4 (2) Mathematics.
 5 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
 6 (A) constitutions;
 7 (B) governmental systems; and
 8 (C) histories;
 9 of Indiana and the United States, including a study of the
 10 Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
 11 (4) Sciences.
 12 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
 13 (6) Health education, **including:**
 14 (A) physical fitness;
 15 (B) safety; ~~and~~
 16 (C) the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances
 17 on the human body; **and**
 18 (D) **mental health wellness education, including topics**
 19 **relating to any of the following:**
 20 (i) **Anxiety disorders.**
 21 (ii) **Hyperactivity disorders.**
 22 (iii) **Eating disorders.**
 23 (iv) **Self-mutilation.**
 24 (v) **Depression.**
 25 (vi) **Schizophrenia.**
 26 (vii) **The causes, prevention, and cure and control of**
 27 **mental illness without stigma or emotional harm.**
 28 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
 29 to revision by the state board.
 30 SECTION 2. IC 20-34-3-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
 31 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 32 2017]: Sec. 4. (a) The governing body of a school corporation may
 33 provide for the inspection of students by a school physician to
 34 determine whether any child suffers from disease, disability, decayed
 35 teeth, or other defects that may reduce the student's efficiency or
 36 prevent the student from receiving the full benefit of the student's
 37 school work.
 38 (b) **The governing body of a school corporation may provide**
 39 **mental health screenings to students if the written consent is**
 40 **received from the student's parent or guardian.**
 41 (c) **The department shall provide a school corporation with**
 42 **resources regarding mental health wellness upon request by the**



1 **school corporation.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 435, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 435 as introduced.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1

 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 435 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "7." insert "**(a) As used in this section, "mental health wellness education" means the provision of information concerning mental health and mental illness, including bringing awareness to the following:**

- (1) The stigma associated with mental illness.**
- (2) Resources to seek help and support concerning mental health.**
- (3) The importance of positive mental health.**
- (4) Experiences and understanding of mental health and mental illnesses.**

(b)".

Page 2, line 9, delete "the" and insert "**any of the following:**

- (i) Anxiety disorders.**
- (ii) Hyperactivity disorders.**
- (iii) Eating disorders.**
- (iv) Self-mutilation.**
- (v) Depression.**
- (vi) Schizophrenia.**
- (vii) The".**

(Reference is to SB 435 as printed February 7, 2017.)

MRVAN



SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 435, which is eligible for third reading, be returned to second reading for purposes of amendment.

MRVAN

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 435 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 39, delete "." and insert "**if the written consent is received from the student's parent or guardian.**

(c)".

(Reference is to SB 435 as reprinted February 15, 2017.)

MRVAN

