

**HB0461/845064/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 461  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike “at least a certain number of absences in each quarter of each school year” and substitute “an absence”; in line 7, after “needs;” insert “requiring a certain student to obtain permission from a parent or guardian for a certain absence under certain circumstances;”; and in line 8, after “absence;” insert “requiring a student who is absent for a certain reason to meet with a school mental health specialist within a certain period of time to discuss a certain topic; defining a certain term;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 19, after “(A)” insert “IN THIS SECTION, “SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST” MEANS:

- (1) A SCHOOL COUNSELOR;**
- (2) A PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER;**
- (3) A PSYCHOMETRIST;**
- (4) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST; OR**
- (5) A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER.**

**(B)**”;

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in line 21, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A”; and strike beginning with “AT” in line 21 down through “YEAR” in line 22 and substitute “AN ABSENCE”.

On page 2, in line 1, after “(2)” insert “A STUDENT WHO IS A MINOR AND ABSENT DUE TO THE STUDENT’S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS SHALL OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE ABSENCE.”

(3);

and in line 2, strike “PARAGRAPH (1) OF”; and after line 2, insert:

“(D) A STUDENT WHO IS ABSENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL MEET WITH A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER RETURNING TO SCHOOL, AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD, TO DISCUSS THE STUDENT’S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS THAT CAUSED THE ABSENCE.”.