

HB3385



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Norma Hernandez - Diane Blair-Sherlock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 58/30
110 ILCS 58/40

Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Provides that the expert panel designated by the board of trustees to develop and implement policies and procedures shall be comprised of at least 2 administrators, 2 members of faculty, and one mental health professional. Requires each public college or university to provide at least 3 on-site licensed clinical professional counselors or licensed clinical social workers.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 30 and 40 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 58/30)

7 Sec. 30. Training.

8 (a) The board of trustees of each public college or
9 university must designate an expert panel to develop and
10 implement policies and procedures that (i) advise students,
11 faculty, and staff on the proper procedures for identifying
12 and addressing the needs of students exhibiting symptoms of
13 mental health conditions, (ii) promote understanding of the
14 rules of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
15 and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to
16 increase knowledge and understanding of student protections
17 under the law, and (iii) provide training if appropriate.

18 The expert panel shall be comprised of at least 2
19 administrators, 2 members of faculty, and one mental health
20 professional.

21 (b) The Technical Assistance Center under Section 45 shall
22 set initial standards for policies and procedures referenced
23 in subsection (a) to ensure statewide consistency.

1 (c) All resident assistants in a student housing facility,
2 advisors, and campus security of a public college or
3 university must participate in a national Mental Health First
4 Aid training course or a similar program prior to the
5 commencement of their duties. Training must include the
6 policies and procedures developed by the public college or
7 university referenced under subsection (a).

8 (Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)

9 (110 ILCS 58/40)

10 Sec. 40. Local partnerships.

11 (a) Each public college or university must form strategic
12 partnerships with local mental health service providers to
13 improve overall campus mental wellness and augment on-campus
14 capacity. The strategic partnerships must include linkage
15 agreements with off-campus mental health service providers
16 that establish a foundation for referrals for students when
17 needs cannot be met on campus due to capacity or preference of
18 the student. The strategic partnerships must also include (i)
19 avenues for on-campus and off-campus mental health service
20 providers to increase visibility to students via marketing and
21 outreach, (ii) opportunities to engage the student body
22 through student outreach initiatives like mindfulness
23 workshops or campus-wide wellness fairs, and (iii)
24 opportunities to support awareness and training requirements
25 under this Act.

1 (b) Through a combination of on-campus capacity,
2 off-campus linkage agreements with mental health service
3 providers, and contracted telehealth therapy services, each
4 public college or university shall attempt to meet a benchmark
5 ratio of one clinical, non-student staff member to 1,250
6 students. However, each public college or university shall
7 provide at least 3 on-site licensed clinical professional
8 counselors or licensed clinical social workers or less than 3
9 if the benchmark ratio falls under 3. These professionals must
10 be available on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. excluding
11 holidays. If linkage agreements are used, the agreements must
12 include the capacity of students providers are expected to
13 serve within the agency. Two years after the effective date of
14 this Act, and once every 5 years thereafter, the Technical
15 Assistance Center developed under Section 45 must propose to
16 the General Assembly an updated ratio based on actual ratios
17 in this State and any new information related to appropriate
18 benchmarks for clinician-to-student ratios. The updated
19 benchmark must represent a ratio of no less than one clinical,
20 non-student staff member to 1,250 students.

21 (c) Each public college or university must work with local
22 resources, such as on-campus mental health counseling centers
23 or wellness centers, local mental health service providers, or
24 non-providers, such as affiliates of the National Alliance on
25 Mental Illness, and any other resources to meet the awareness
26 and training requirements under Sections 25 and 30 of this

1 Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)