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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Sullivan offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 808 and 809, insert:

(16) MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION.—The mental health assistance allocation is created to provide funding to assist school districts in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care, which must include screening and treatment for students at risk of suicide. These funds shall be allocated annually in the General Appropriations Act or other law to each eligible school district. Each school district shall receive a minimum of \$100,000 with the remaining balance allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of

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14 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student
15 enrollment. Eligible charter schools are entitled to a
16 proportionate share of district funding. Funds ~~At least 90~~
17 ~~percent of a district's allocation~~ must be expended only on the
18 elements specified in paragraph (b) ~~subparagraphs (b)1. and 2.~~
19 The allocated funds may not supplant funds that are provided for
20 this purpose from other operating funds and may not be used to
21 increase salaries or provide bonuses. School districts are
22 encouraged to maximize third party health insurance benefits and
23 Medicaid claiming for services, where appropriate.

24 (a) Before the distribution of the allocation:

25 1. The school district must develop and submit a detailed
26 plan outlining the local program and planned expenditures to the
27 district school board for approval.

28 2. A charter school must develop and submit a detailed
29 plan outlining the local program and planned expenditures to its
30 governing body for approval. After the plan is approved by the
31 governing body, it must be provided to the charter school's
32 sponsor.

33 (b) The plans required under paragraph (a) must be focused
34 on delivering evidence-based mental health care treatment to
35 children and include the following elements:

36 1. Provision of mental health assessment, diagnosis,
37 intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with

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38 one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse
39 diagnoses and students at high risk of such diagnoses.

40 2. Coordination of such services with a student's primary
41 care provider and with other mental health providers involved in
42 the student's care.

43 3. Direct employment of such service providers, or a
44 contract-based collaborative effort or partnership with one or
45 more local community mental health programs, agencies, or
46 providers.

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D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T

50 Remove lines 779-780 and insert:

51 Section 14. Effective July 1, 2019, subsection (15) of
52 section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, and
53 subsection (16) of that section are

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

57 Remove line 53 and insert:

58 distribution of funds from the allocation; revising
59 requirements for the mental health assistance
60 allocation; amending s.

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