

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student mental health procedures;
 3 amending ss. 1002.20 and 1002.33, F.S.; requiring
 4 verification that certain strategies have been
 5 utilized and certain outreach has been initiated
 6 before a student is removed from school, school
 7 transportation, or a school-sponsored activity under
 8 specified circumstances; providing an exception;
 9 providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (3) of section
 14 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 16 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 17 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 18 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 19 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 20 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

21 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

22 (1) Notification of involuntary examinations.—The public
 23 school principal or the principal's designee shall immediately
 24 notify the parent of a student who is removed from school,
 25 school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity and taken

26 | to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination pursuant
 27 | to s. 394.463. The principal or the principal's designee may
 28 | delay notification for no more than 24 hours after the student
 29 | is removed if the principal or the principal's designee deems
 30 | the delay to be in the student's best interest and if a report
 31 | has been submitted to the central abuse hotline, pursuant to s.
 32 | 39.201, based upon knowledge or suspicion of abuse, abandonment,
 33 | or neglect. Before a student is removed from school, school
 34 | transportation, or a school-sponsored activity, the principal or
 35 | the principal's designee must verify that de-escalation
 36 | strategies have been utilized and outreach to a mobile response
 37 | team has been initiated, unless the principal or the principal's
 38 | designee reasonably believes that any delay in removing the
 39 | student will increase the likelihood of harm to the student or
 40 | others. Each district school board shall develop a policy and
 41 | procedures for notification under this paragraph.

42 | Section 2. Paragraph (q) of subsection (9) of section
 43 | 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

44 | 1002.33 Charter schools.—

45 | (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

46 | (q) The charter school principal or the principal's
 47 | designee shall immediately notify the parent of a student who is
 48 | removed from school, school transportation, or a school-
 49 | sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an
 50 | involuntary examination pursuant to s. 394.463. The principal or

51 the principal's designee may delay notification for no more than
52 24 hours after the student is removed if the principal or the
53 principal's designee deems the delay to be in the student's best
54 interest and if a report has been submitted to the central abuse
55 hotline, pursuant to s. 39.201, based upon knowledge or
56 suspicion of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Before a student is
57 removed from school, school transportation, or a school-
58 sponsored activity, the principal or the principal's designee
59 must verify that de-escalation strategies have been utilized and
60 outreach to a mobile response team has been initiated, unless
61 the principal or the principal's designee reasonably believes
62 that any delay in removing the student will increase the
63 likelihood of harm to the student or others. Each charter school
64 governing board shall develop a policy and procedures for
65 notification under this paragraph.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.