

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to classroom teacher mental health
 3 care; providing a short title; amending s. 1001.42,
 4 F.S.; requiring district school boards to provide
 5 classroom teachers with access to mental health
 6 services; providing requirements for such mental
 7 health services; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Marley's Teacher
 12 Mental Health Act."

13 **Section 2. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (4) of**
 14 **section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, to read:**

15 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
 16 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
 17 powers and perform all duties listed below:

18 (4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF
 19 SCHOOLS.—Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the
 20 establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the
 21 district, including, but not limited to, the following:

22 (o) Mental health care for classroom teachers.—Provide
 23 classroom teachers, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), with access
 24 to mental health services by a mental health counselor,
 25 psychiatrist, or clinical psychologist, as those terms are

26 | defined in s. 394.455, with adequate training for the specific
27 | needs of classroom teachers, with the goal of preventing job-
28 | related stress and depression. The district school board must
29 | provide a 35-percent discount on the copay for such services and
30 | may provide such services at no cost to classroom teachers.

31 | **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.