

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Bradley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the reporting of student mental  
3           health outcomes; creating s. 394.4575, F.S.; requiring  
4           the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
5           Accountability to submit an initial specified  
6           evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a  
7           specified date; providing evaluation requirements;  
8           requiring the office to submit a final review and  
9           evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a  
10          specified date; providing evaluation requirements;  
11          requiring specified entities and officials to  
12          coordinate with the office; providing an effective  
13          date.

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

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17           Section 1. Section 394.4575, Florida Statutes, is created  
18           to read:

19           394.4575 Student mental health assistance program  
20           evaluation.-

21           (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
22           Accountability (OPPAGA), in consultation with the Department of  
23           Children and Families, the Department of Education, the Louis de  
24           la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, and any other  
25           identified relevant stakeholder must evaluate school district  
26           compliance with ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4), and  
27           the mental health services and supports provided to students  
28           pursuant to those sections. OPPAGA shall:

29           (a) By December 31, 2025, provide an initial evaluation of

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30 the expenditure plans and program outcome reports submitted by  
31 school districts as required in s. 1006.041 to the Governor,  
32 President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives. This evaluation must include, but is not  
34 limited to:

35 1. An assessment of school district compliance with the  
36 requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

37 2. An assessment of treatment outcomes, system capacity,  
38 and performance of mental health services provided pursuant to  
39 s. 1006.041(2) (a) and (b).

40 3. An assessment of the policies, procedures, and data  
41 collection that inform the reporting by school districts as  
42 required pursuant to s. 1006.041.

43 4. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs'  
44 integration into the coordinated system of behavioral health  
45 care required under s. 394.4573.

46 5. Identification of, and recommendations for, other  
47 relevant data and information needed from the mental health  
48 assistance programs to perform an effective annual evaluation of  
49 treatment outcomes, system capacity, performance, and level of  
50 integration with community coordinated systems of care.

51 (b) By December 1, 2026, provide a final review and  
52 evaluation of the mental health assistance programs within the  
53 school districts to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
54 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. This evaluation  
55 must include, but is not limited to:

56 1. An assessment of school district compliance with the  
57 requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

58 2. An assessment of the treatment outcomes, system

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59 capacity, and performance of mental health services provided  
60 pursuant to s. 1006.041(2) (a) and (b).

61 3. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs'  
62 ongoing level of integration with the coordinated system of  
63 behavioral health care required under s. 394.4573.

64 4. Recommendations to enhance treatment outcomes, system  
65 capacity, and performance of school-based mental health  
66 assistance programs and increase the integration of those  
67 programs into the coordinated system of behavioral health care.

68 (2) The Department of Education, school district threat  
69 management coordinators, and mental health coordinators as  
70 described in s. 1006.07 must coordinate with OPPAGA and provide  
71 requested information, reports, and data for evaluation and  
72 inclusion in the report, to include, but need not be limited to:

73 (a) Referrals to mental health services originating from  
74 the behavioral threat process or assessment instrument, in the  
75 aggregate.

76 (b) OPPAGA identified:

77 1. Performance metrics.

78 2. Treatment outcome metrics.

79 3. System capacity metrics.

80 (3) The department and the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental  
81 Health Institute must coordinate with OPPAGA and provide  
82 requested information and data related to outcomes and  
83 performance of integrated and coordinated behavioral health  
84 systems of care pursuant to this chapter for evaluation and  
85 inclusion in the report.

86 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.