

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 469 (SB 121)

2025 Regular Session

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New law:

- (1) Authorizes public school boards to offer mental health screenings for all students in grades K-12 during the first semester of the school year.
- (2) Requires each school under a school boards jurisdiction to comply with the provisions of new law if the school board offers such screenings.
- (3) Requires schools to notify parents (and students who have reached the age of majority or are emancipated minors) of the screenings and the option to consent in writing; requires schools to identify the screening tool being used and include this information on the parental consent form with information on how to access the tool on the school or district's website.
- (4) Requires schools to provide notification if the screening results indicate a potential mental health condition and to provide a list of available resources.
- (5) Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to select mental health screening tools and provide them at no cost to school boards.
- (6) Provides that screening results are confidential and not subject to disclosure except to a student's parent or legal guardian (or student if he is of the age of majority or an emancipated minor); requires that the data collected be destroyed within 30 days.
- (7) Prohibits school boards from using screening results to make decisions relative to instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline.
- (8) Prohibits a cause of action against school governing authorities and employees relative to screening results.
- (9) Provides that new law is subject to the approval and funding of a school board.
- (10) Applies to all public schools, including charter schools.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.24 and 3996(B)(89))