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HOUSE BILL NO. 766

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Provides for access to behavioral health services providers in schools

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2	To enact R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(45), relative to behavioral health services for students;
3	to provide relative to behavioral health services provided to students when requested
4	by the student's parent or legal guardian; to provide for definitions; and to provide
5	for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(45) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§173. Behavioral health services for students
9	A. A public school governing authority shall not prohibit a behavioral health
10	provider from providing behavioral health services to a student at school during
11	school hours if the student's parent or legal guardian requests such services from the
12	provider.
13	B. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following
14	meanings:
15	(1) "Behavioral health provider" shall mean a provider who is independently
16	licensed or provisionally licensed to provide behavioral health services in Louisiana
17	including but not limited to a psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor, or social worker.
18	(2) "Behavioral health services" shall include but not be limited to individual

1	psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, psychotropic medication management,
2	community psychiatric support and treatment, and crisis intervention.
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4	§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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6	B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
7	except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
8	charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
9	Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
10	exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
11	applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
12	the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
13	* * *
14	(45) Behavioral health services for students, R.S. 17:173.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to behavioral health services for students.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a public school governing authority shall not prohibit a behavioral health provider from providing behavioral health services to a student at school during school hours if requested by the student's parent or legal guardian. Defines "behavioral health provider" and "behavioral health services" for purposes of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(45))