

JAN 18 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Annual mental health screenings and behavioral
5 health screenings. (a) The department shall administer annual
6 mental health screenings and behavioral health screenings for
7 each student at all public k-12 schools.

8 (b) The department shall notify a student's parent in
9 writing prior to the student's participation in a mental health
10 screening or behavioral health screening pursuant to this
11 section. The written notice shall include:

- 12 (1) The purpose for the screening;
13 (2) The provider or contractor providing the screening;
14 (3) The date and time at which the screening is scheduled;
15 and
16 (4) The length of time the screening may last.



1 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
2 91 for the purposes of this section.

3 (d) As used in this section:

4 "Behavioral health screening" means a method utilized by
5 school personnel to determine if a student is at risk for not
6 meeting grade level standards.

7 "Mental health screening" means the use of one or more
8 brief, structured questionnaires designed to identify the
9 possibility that an individual has a mental health problem."

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 "§302A- Annual mental health screenings. (a) The
14 department shall administer annual mental health screenings for
15 each faculty and staff member at all public schools.

16 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
17 91 for the purposes of this section.

18 (c) As used in this section, "mental health screening"
19 means the use of one or more brief, structured questionnaires
20 designed to identify the possibility that an individual has a
21 mental health problem."



S.B. NO. 147

Report Title:

Mental Health Screenings; Behavioral Health Screenings;
Department of Education; Students; Staff; K-12; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to administer annual mental health or behavioral health screenings to all students, faculty, and staff members at public schools. Appropriates funds.

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