



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4115

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Brad Halbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.203

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning student mental health screenings, requires the State Board of Education's model school district procedures to facilitate the implementation of mental health screenings to include the option to opt in (rather than opt out) and a minimum of 3 written notifications each school year about the use of mental health screenings, one of which must be delivered by first-class mail, to a student's parent or guardian. Effective January 1, 2026.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 2-3.203 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.203)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-32)

8 Sec. 2-3.203. Mental health screenings.

9 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the State Board of
10 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral
11 Health Transformation Officer, Children's Behavioral Health
12 Transformation Team, and the Office of the Governor, shall
13 file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly that
14 includes recommendations for implementation of mental health
15 screenings in schools for students enrolled in kindergarten
16 through grade 12. This report must include a landscape scan of
17 current district-wide screenings, recommendations for
18 screening tools, training for staff, and linkage and referral
19 for identified students.

20 (b) On or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of
21 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral
22 Health Transformation Team, the Office of the Governor, and
23 relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that

1 includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to
2 implement universal mental health screening of students. The
3 strategy shall build upon existing efforts to understand
4 district needs for resources, technology, training, and
5 infrastructure supports. The strategy shall include a
6 framework for supporting districts in a phased approach to
7 implement universal mental health screenings. The State Board
8 of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the
9 General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for
10 phased approach to universal mental health screening of
11 students on or before April 1, 2025.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-546, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;
13 103-885, eff. 8-9-24.)

14 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-32)

15 Sec. 2-3.203. Mental health screenings.

16 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the State Board of
17 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral
18 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor,
19 shall file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly
20 that includes recommendations for implementation of mental
21 health screenings in schools for students enrolled in
22 kindergarten through grade 12. This report must include a
23 landscape scan of current district-wide screenings,
24 recommendations for screening tools, training for staff, and
25 linkage and referral for identified students.

1 (b) On or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral
3 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor, and
4 relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that
5 includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to
6 implement universal mental health screening of students. The
7 strategy shall build upon existing efforts to understand
8 district needs for resources, technology, training, and
9 infrastructure supports. The strategy shall include a
10 framework for supporting districts in a phased approach to
11 implement universal mental health screenings. The State Board
12 of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the
13 General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for
14 phased approach to universal mental health screening of
15 students on or before April 1, 2025.

16 (c) On or before September 1, 2026, the State Board of
17 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral
18 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor and
19 relevant stakeholders, shall report its work and make
20 available resource materials, including model procedures and
21 guidance informed by a phased approach to implementing
22 universal mental health screening in schools. These model
23 school district procedures to facilitate the implementation of
24 mental health screenings shall include, but are not limited
25 to: (i) the option to opt in; (ii) ~~opt-out~~, confidentiality
26 and privacy considerations; (iii) communication with families

1 and communities about the use of mental health screenings,
2 including a minimum of 3 written notifications each school
3 year, one of which must be delivered by first-class mail, to a
4 student's parent or guardian; (iv)~~7~~ data sharing;~~i~~~~7~~ and (v)
5 storage of mental health screening results and plans for
6 follow-up and linkage to resources after screenings. Guidance
7 shall include (1) mental health screening tools available for
8 school districts to use with students and (2) associated
9 training for school personnel. The State Board of Education
10 shall make these resource materials available on its website.

11 (d) Mental health screenings shall be offered by school
12 districts to students enrolled in grade 3 through grade 12, at
13 least once a year, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. A
14 district may, by action of the State Board of Education, apply
15 for an extension of the 2027-2028 school year implementation
16 deadline if the school district meets criteria set by rule by
17 the State Board of Education, which shall be based on the
18 recommendations of the report issued in accordance with
19 subsection (c). Notwithstanding the provisions of this
20 subsection, the requirement to offer mental health screenings
21 shall be in effect only for school years in which the State has
22 successfully procured a screening tool that offers a
23 self-report option for students and is made available to
24 school districts at no cost.

25 (Source: P.A. 103-546, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;
26 103-885, eff. 8-9-24; 104-32, eff. 1-1-26; revised 8-28-25.)

1 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
5 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
7 Public Act.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
9 1, 2026.