

SB3482



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Mike Simmons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 58/37 new

Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish the Mental Health Council. Establishes the student membership of the Council. Provides that the Council shall make recommendations to the Board regarding youth mental health. Requires the Council to meet at least 4 times annually.

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A BILL FOR

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 Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act is
5 amended by adding Section 37 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 58/37 new)

7 Sec. 37. Mental Health Council. The Board of Higher
8 Education shall establish the Mental Health Council. The
9 Council shall be comprised of no more than 6 public college or
10 university students from different public colleges or
11 universities in the State. Of the students, at least one shall
12 be an LGBTQ-identified person, at least one shall be a woman,
13 and at least one shall be a person of color. The Council
14 members shall be appointed by the Board of Higher Education
15 and shall reflect the racial, gender identity, sexual
16 orientation, ability, socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic
17 diversity of the State, including rural, suburban, and urban
18 appointees. The Council shall make recommendations to the
19 Board of Higher Education regarding youth mental health,
20 including, but not limited to, identifying barriers to youth
21 feeling supported by and empowered by the system of mental
22 health and treatment providers, barriers perceived by youth in
23 accessing mental health services, gaps in the mental health

1 system, available resources in public colleges and
2 universities, including youth's perceptions and experiences
3 with outreach personnel, agency websites, and informational
4 materials, methods to destigmatize mental health services, and
5 how to improve State policy concerning student mental health.
6 The Council shall meet at least 4 times annually.