

HB4826



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/7/2024, by Rep. Kevin John Olickal

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.17 new

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education, in consultation with licensed clinical social workers and licensed social workers, shall develop a unit of instruction on mental health that teaches students in grades 9 through 12 essential skills for recognizing and managing mental health issues effectively. Provides that the unit of instruction shall include a list of resources available to a student. Provides that the unit of instruction shall be made available to each school district that maintains grades 9 through 12 by July 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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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 School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-23.17 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.17 new)

7 Sec. 27-23.17. Mental health instruction. Subject to
8 appropriation, the State Board of Education, in consultation
9 with licensed clinical social workers and licensed social
10 workers, shall develop a unit of instruction on mental health
11 that teaches students in grades 9 through 12 essential skills
12 for recognizing and managing mental health issues effectively.
13 The unit of instruction shall include a list of resources
14 available to a student. The unit of instruction shall be made
15 available to each school district that maintains grades 9
16 through 12 by July 1, 2025.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.