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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 934**

#### ***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires each local and regional school board, by September 1, 2021, to compile and annually update a list of every mental and emotional health resource available to students and families in the board's district.

Under the bill, the list must include resources provided by the board, community providers, school-based health centers, or the state. Each resource must be listed with a telephone number, an email address, or an Internet link.

The bill requires each board to (1) post the list of resources on its website and (2) distribute the list to parents of students in the school district at least semiannually, in September and May of each school year.

It also requires each local and regional school board, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, to distribute an age- and developmentally-appropriate list of available mental and emotional health resources to students taking a health and safety course. The list must include national youth suicide prevention helplines accessible by text message.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 1 (03/11/2021)