



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 189**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 934

*Senate, March 29, 2021*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than September  
2 1, 2021, each local and regional board of education shall compile, and  
3 annually update, a list of every mental and emotional health resource  
4 available to the students and families in such board's school district.  
5 Such list shall include, but not be limited to, resources provided by (1)  
6 the board, (2) community providers, (3) school-based health centers, or  
7 (4) the state. Each resource shall be listed with a telephone number, an  
8 electronic mail address or an Internet link. Each board shall post the list  
9 of available mental and emotional health resources on such board's  
10 Internet web site and distribute such list to parents of students in the  
11 school district at least semiannually, in September and May of each  
12 school year.

13 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year

14 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall distribute to  
15 students taking a course in health and safety an age and  
16 developmentally appropriate list of mental and emotional health  
17 resources available to such students, including, but not limited to,  
18 national youth suicide prevention helplines accessible by text message.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires local and regional school districts to annually compile, update, and distribute various information related to mental and emotional health resources. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact, as local and regional boards of education have staff and resources available to complete the tasks required by the bill.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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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)