



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6026

LCO No. 1668



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. O'DEA, 125th Dist.
(By Request)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS AND CHILDREN.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the state Board of
- 2 Education to amend the definition of "excused absence" to include
- 3 illness or recovery concerning mental health; (2) increase access to
- 4 outpatient mental health treatment by juveniles by allowing any minor
- 5 thirteen years of age or older to request and receive such treatment
- 6 without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; and (3) permit
- 7 school districts to create, in consultation with the Department of Mental
- 8 Health and Addiction Services, evidence-based student mental health
- 9 screening programs appropriate for each grade and age level.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote the mental health of students and children.