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S.B. No. 176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a
3 school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain
4 services provided to eligible students.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Sections 38.042 and 38.043 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.042. ON-CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. (a) A
9 school district may contract with a local mental health authority
10 or a provider of community-based mental health services to provide
11 mental health services on a campus of the district.

12 (b) At the request of a student's parent or guardian, a
13 local mental health authority or a provider described by Subsection
14 (a) providing on-campus mental health services that conducts a
15 mental health or behavioral health assessment of the student or
16 provides mental health or behavioral health services to the student
17 may provide to the student's primary care physician the results of
18 any assessment conducted or services provided.

19 Sec. 38.043. REIMBURSEMENT UNDER MEDICAID. The Health and
20 Human Services Commission shall allow a school district to enroll
21 as a provider under the medical assistance program under Chapter
22 32, Human Resources Code, to provide and receive reimbursement for
23 the provision of mental health services to district students who
24 are medical assistance recipients.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.