

REQUIRE ISD TO EMPLOY AN EMERGENCY SAFETY MANAGER AND MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

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House Bill 4227 (proposed substitute H-1)

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4227 would amend the Revised School Code to require each intermediate school district (ISD) to employ at least one emergency and safety manager and at least one mental health coordinator.

Under the bill, the following would apply to an individual serving in the emergency and safety manager role:

- The individual must be tasked with serving as a liaison between state agency school safety offices, the emergency management and homeland security division within the Department of State Police (MSP), emergency management and homeland security district coordinators, local emergency management coordinators, the state fire marshal, the school safety, and public schools and nonpublic schools located within the geographic boundaries of the ISD.
- The individual must be tasked with working with school administrators, local and state emergency management coordinators, and emergency responders to implement prevention programs related to school safety; communicating with parents, legal guardians, and the community about school safety; and handling all safety-related issues concerning schools located within the ISD's geographic boundaries.
- The individual must perform risk assessments of, and provide response training in, the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located within the ISD.
- The individual must compile data to measure the outcomes and performance related to school safety plans, school safety trainings, school safety products, and other school safety measures in the intermediate school district and public schools and nonpublic schools within the ISD's geographic boundaries.

The bill would require the mental health coordinator to do all of the following:

- Coordinate state funding intended to enhance and expand the availability of mental health services and supports for students.
- Coordinate the integration of community-based mental health services in the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in the geographic boundaries of the ISD and foster partnerships between the ISD, public schools, nonpublic schools, and mental health providers.
- Facilitate behavioral health assessment teams.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive school-community mental health system.
- Develop and curate a behavioral health community resource map.

- Facilitate and support the deployment of BH-Works, the behavioral health care platform, in the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in its geographic boundaries.
- Compile data to measure outcomes and performance of behavioral health programs in the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in its geographic boundaries.
- Recruit, retain, and develop the use of behavioral health providers for or in the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in its geographic boundaries.
- Provide training and coaching and coordinate professional learning opportunities in the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in its geographic boundaries.
- Oversee and monitor, in compliance with other laws, Medicaid billing and the Caring for Students (C4S) program as it pertains to the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located in its geographic boundaries.
- Meet with and work with school mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, psychologists, social workers, doctors, nurses, and psychiatrists, to connect the ISD and public schools and nonpublic schools located within the ISD's geographic boundaries with child and adolescent health centers, state departments and agencies, local governments, social service agencies, and health care organizations to aid in the identification of and support of students at risk for behavioral health issues.

House Bill 4227 cannot take effect unless two other bills that have yet to be introduced (request nos. H00074'25 and H00077'25) are also enacted into law.

Proposed MCL 380.1308g

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local school districts, public school academies (PSAs), or intermediate school districts.

Subject to appropriation, each ISD would be required to hire an emergency and safety manager and mental health coordinator. Assuming a cost per FTE of \$150,000, the bill would cost an estimated \$16.8 million for every ISD to hire both positions. Costs would be reduced depending on the number of ISDs already meeting these requirements. ISDs would only be required to meet this requirement if an appropriation were provided by the legislature to do so.

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