

# SENATE BILL No. 214

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-26-5-44.5.

**Synopsis:** Student mental health resources. Requires the department of education to approve and make available student mental health resources for certain schools. Requires the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school to publish and publicly post the approved student mental health resources.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-44.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 44.5. (a) As used in this**  
4 **section, "school" means the following:**  
5 (1) **A school maintained by a school corporation.**  
6 (2) **A charter school.**  
7 (b) **Not later than July 15, 2024, and each July 15 thereafter, the**  
8 **department shall approve and make available to a school student**  
9 **mental health resources on the following subjects:**  
10 (1) **Youth suicide.**  
11 (2) **Human trafficking.**  
12 (3) **Interpersonal violence.**  
13 (4) **Child abuse and neglect.**  
14 (5) **Substance abuse.**  
15 (6) **Any other subject concerning student mental health that**  
16 **the department considers appropriate.**  
17 (c) **The governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent**



1 authority for a charter school shall:  
2 (1) publish the student mental health resources approved  
3 under subsection (b) on the school:  
4 (A) website; and  
5 (B) social media platforms; and  
6 (2) post a hard copy of the student mental health resources  
7 approved under subsection (b) in a location that is visible and  
8 accessible to all students of the school.  
9 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the  
10 governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority  
11 for a charter school from publishing or posting mental health  
12 resources in addition to the student mental health resources  
13 approved by the department under subsection (b).  
14 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

