

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act is amended by changing Section 25 as follows:

(110 ILCS 58/25)

Sec. 25. Awareness. To raise mental health awareness on college campuses, each public college or university must do all of the following:

(1) Develop and implement an annual student orientation session aimed at raising awareness about mental health conditions.

(2) Assess courses and seminars available to students through their regular academic experiences and implement mental health awareness curricula if opportunities for integration exist.

(3) Create and feature a page on its website or mobile application with information dedicated solely to the mental health resources available to students at the public college or university and in the surrounding community.

(4) Distribute messages related to mental health resources that encourage help-seeking behavior through the

online learning platform of the public college or university during high stress periods of the academic year, including, but not limited to, midterm or final examinations. These stigma-reducing strategies must be based on documented best practices.

(5) Three years after the effective date of this Act, implement an online screening tool to raise awareness and establish a mechanism to link or refer students of the public college or university to services. Screenings and resources must be available year round for students and, at a minimum, must (i) include validated screening tools for depression, an anxiety disorder, an eating disorder, substance use, alcohol-use disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and bipolar disorder, (ii) provide resources for immediate connection to services, if indicated, including emergency resources, (iii) provide general information about all mental health-related resources available to students of the public college or university, and (iv) function anonymously.

(6) At least once per term and at times of high academic stress, including midterm or final examinations, provide students information regarding online screenings and resources.

(7) Provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, for the Crisis Text Line, and for the mental health counseling center or program of the

public college or university on the back of each student identification card issued by the public college or university after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly. If the public college or university does not issue student identification cards to its students, the public college or university must publish the contact information on its website.

(Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.