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Proposed law requires each public school to offer mental health screenings for all students in grades K-12 during the first semester of the school year.

Proposed law requires the school to notify the parent or legal guardian of each student of the offered screenings and to give the parent the option to consent or decline the screening.

Proposed law requires schools to notify parents if the screening results indicate a potential mental health condition and to provide the parent or guardian a list of resources available to the student in the school or community.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to develop a list of mental health screening tools and a list of community resources and provide the information to the state Dept. of Education for distribution to school boards.

Proposed law provides for the confidentiality of the screening results and for the destruction of the results after the parent or guardian has been notified.

Proposed law prohibits schools from using the results of any mental health screening to make any decision relating to student instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline.

Proposed law requires that schools begin the mental health screening in the 2026-2027 school year.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.24)