

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 486

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH: Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:173.1, relative to mental health services for students; to require public  
3 schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students at the beginning of  
4 each school year; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:173.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §173.1. Mental health assessments

8 Each public school shall make available to each student in grades four  
9 through twelve a mental health assessment by a licensed behavioral health provider,  
10 so long as it is authorized by his parent or legal guardian. Such screening shall be  
11 offered within the first ninety days of each school year.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students at the beginning of each school year.

Proposed law requires public schools to make available to each student the opportunity to undergo a mental health assessment by a licensed behavioral health provider within the first 90 days of each school year. Requires the consent of his parent or legal guardian. Applies to students in grades four through 12.

(Adds R.S. 17:173.1)