

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 121  
by Senator Selders

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "17:416.24" and before the comma "," insert "and 3996(B)(89)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "and" and before "state" insert "the"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 10, after "**Each**" and before "**shall**" delete "**public school**" and insert "**city,**  
7 **parish, or other local public school board**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, line 14, after "**parent**" and before "**the option**" insert "**or legal guardian**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 2, line 4, after "**shall**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 11,  
12 in their entirety, and insert, "**select a mental health screener appropriate to the provisions**  
13 **of this Section and provide the screener at no cost to each city, parish, and other local**  
14 **public school board.**"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 2, line 13, after "**guardian.**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**Within**  
17 **thirty days following**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 2, line 14, after "**parent or**" and before "**guardian**" insert "**legal**"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 8

21 On page 2, line 16, after "**F.**" and before "**use**" delete "**A school shall not**" and insert "**No**  
22 **city, parish, or other school board shall**"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 9

24 On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

25 **G. There shall be no cause of action against the public school governing**  
26 **authority, or any employee thereof, related to the results of the screening**  
27 **provided for in this Section.**

28 **H. The provisions of this Section are subject to the approval and funding**  
29 **by the school board of a city, parish, or other local public school system.**

30 Section 2. R.S. 17:3996(B)(89) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

31 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

32 \* \* \*

33 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
34 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
35 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this

1 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
2 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
3 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
4 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

5 \* \* \*

6 **(89) Mental health screenings, R.S. 17:416.24.**

7 \* \* \*"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 10

9 On page 2, at the beginning of line 19, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."