

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

AMENDMENT NO. 9

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

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

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

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

§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a 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."