

CHAPTER 2025-108

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 969

An act relating to the reporting of student mental health outcomes; creating s. 394.4575, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit an initial specified evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing evaluation requirements; requiring the office to submit a final specified evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing evaluation requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 394.4575, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

394.4575 Student mental health assistance program evaluation.—

(1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education, the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, and any other identified relevant stakeholder, must evaluate school district compliance with ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4) and the mental health services and supports provided to students pursuant to those sections. OPPAGA must:

(a) By December 31, 2025, provide an initial evaluation of the expenditure plans and program outcome reports submitted by school districts as required in s. 1006.041 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to:

1. An assessment of school district compliance with the requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

2. An assessment of treatment outcomes, system capacity, and performance of mental health services provided pursuant to s. 1006.041(2)(a) and (b).

3. An assessment of the policies, procedures, and data collection that inform the reporting by school districts as required pursuant to s. 1006.041.

4. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs' integration into the coordinated system of care required under s. 394.4573.

5. Identification of, and recommendations for, other relevant data and information needed from the mental health assistance programs to annually perform an effective evaluation of treatment outcomes, system capacity, performance, and level of integration with coordinated systems of care.

(b) By December 1, 2026, provide a final review and evaluation of the mental health assistance programs within the school districts to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to:

1. An assessment of school district compliance with the requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

2. An assessment of the treatment outcomes, system capacity, and performance of mental health services provided pursuant to s. 1006.041(2)(a) and (b).

3. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs' ongoing level of integration with the coordinated system of care required under s. 394.4573.

4. Recommendations to enhance treatment outcomes, system capacity, and performance of school-based the mental health assistance programs and increase the integration of those programs into the coordinated system of care.

(2) The Department of Education and school district threat management coordinators and mental health coordinators as described in s. 1006.07 must coordinate with OPPAGA and must provide requested information, reports, and data for evaluation and inclusion in the report, including, but not limited to:

(a) Referrals to mental health services originating from the behavioral threat process or assessment instrument, in the aggregate.

(b) OPPAGA identified:

1. Performance metrics.

2. Treatment outcome metrics.

3. System capacity metrics.

(3) The department and the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute must coordinate with OPPAGA and provide requested information and data related to outcomes and performance of integrated and coordinated systems of care pursuant to chapter 394 for evaluation and inclusion in the report.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2025.

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