

HB0786/745265/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 786
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Individualized” insert “or Group Behavioral”; in the same line, strike “Requirements” and substitute “Establishment”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “circumstances” in line 16 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to recommend best practices for county boards of education to provide to students certain needs assessments and certain behavioral health counseling services; prohibiting certain insurance policies or contracts from denying a medically necessary behavioral health care service to a student under certain circumstances; defining certain terms”; and strike beginning with “requirements” in line 17 down through “individualized” in line 18 and substitute “behavioral health”.

On page 1, in line 26, strike “15-716” and substitute “15-510”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7 and substitute:

“(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES” MEANS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.

(Over)

(3) “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 20-104 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL RECOMMEND BEST PRACTICES FOR COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE TO STUDENTS:

(I) BEHAVIORAL NEEDS ASSESSMENTS; AND

(II) INDIVIDUALIZED OR GROUP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THROUGH A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER OR THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERED SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.”.

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 2 through line 3 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article – Insurance

15-510.

NO INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET INSURANCE POLICY OR CONTRACT ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY DENY A MEDICALLY NECESSARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY A PARTICIPATING PROVIDER TO A MEMBER WHO IS A STUDENT SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR THROUGH A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER UNDER § 7-440 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.”.