

HOUSE BILL 1522

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By: **Delegate Hill**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Needs Assessment for Student School Based Behavioral Health Counseling**
3 **Services Throughout the Year**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene and the
5 Maryland State Department of Education to conduct a needs assessment for student
6 school based behavioral health counseling services throughout the school year;
7 requiring the assessment to include certain matters; and generally relating to an
8 assessment of student school based behavioral counseling services throughout the
9 school year.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Hygiene and the Maryland State
13 Department of Education shall conduct a needs assessment for student school based
14 counseling services throughout the school year.

15 (b) The needs assessment shall include:

16 (1) all public school jurisdictions in the State; and

17 (2) all primary and secondary charter schools in the State.

18 (c) The needs assessment shall include:

19 (1) an assessment of the need for behavioral health services for each school
20 district;

21 (2) a description of the types of services offered to children with behavioral
22 health needs;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) methods of paying for services for children with behavioral health
2 needs;

3 (4) documentation of the number of children with behavioral health needs
4 who are being provided services, including the type of services and the conditions being
5 treated;

6 (5) the costs to provide services to all children who have needs;

7 (6) the obstacles to providing services to all children; and

8 (7) recommendations for removing obstacles to the provision of services to
9 students with behavioral health needs.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2017.