

House File 223 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mental health resources for students enrolled
2 in public schools.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Or.* Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 279.87 relating to the publication of
5 mental health resources and partnering with students to find
6 additional ways to increase student awareness of mental health
7 resources and information related to mental health.

8 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
9 following new paragraph:

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. *r.* Be subject to and comply with the
11 requirements of section 279.87 relating to the publication of
12 mental health resources and partnering with students to find
13 additional ways to increase student awareness of mental health
14 resources and information related to mental health.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Mental health resources.**

16 The board of directors of each school district and the
17 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school shall
18 do all of the following:

19 1. Publish on the school district's or accredited nonpublic
20 school's internet site the mental health resources created by
21 your life Iowa, or a link to where such mental health resources
22 may be accessed on your life Iowa's internet site.

23 2. Partner with students enrolled in the school district or
24 accredited nonpublic school in order to find additional ways
25 to increase student awareness of mental health resources and
26 information related to mental health.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to mental health resources for students
31 enrolled in school districts, charter schools, and innovation
32 zone schools. The bill requires schools to publish on the
33 school's internet site the mental health resources created by
34 your life Iowa, or a link to where such mental health resources
35 may be accessed on your life Iowa's internet site, and to partner

1 with students enrolled in the school in order to find additional
2 ways to increase student awareness of mental health resources and
3 information related to mental health.

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