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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 118
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “**for Mental Health Needs**”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 4 down through “topic” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education and each county board of education to adopt a certain attendance policy for public school students; requiring a public school to provide certain information to a student or the student’s parent or guardian under certain circumstances”; and in line 9, strike “of education”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ADOPT AN ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT:

(1) TREATS AN ABSENCE DUE TO A STUDENT’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS THE SAME AS AN ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OR ANOTHER SOMATIC HEALTH NEED; AND

(2) IF THE POLICY REQUIRES A NOTE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE, AUTHORIZES AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE A NOTE TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE.

(B) IF A STUDENT OR THE STUDENT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN NOTIFIES A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT THE STUDENT’S ABSENCE WAS DUE TO A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEED, THE SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE STUDENT OR

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**THE STUDENT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN ABOUT SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT.**”;

and in line 22, strike “**(E)**” and substitute “**(C)**”.