

HCS HB 2354 -- STUDENT COUNSELING FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Frederick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, each public four-year institution must publish a report measuring compliance with the standards set forth by the International Association of Counseling Services relating to mental health services provided on college campuses. If an institution does not meet the standards, it must conduct a needs assessment. The report must be made available to the public and posted on the institution's website.

This bill is similar to SB 785 (2018) and HCS HB 920 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will require transparency in colleges regarding their mental health facilities, allowing for health competition, public scrutiny, and benchmarks for all schools.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Frederick and Associated Students of University of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.