

HB 2354 -- STUDENT COUNSELING FACILITIES

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Prior to January 1, 2019, the Department of Higher Education must promulgate rules establishing the Coordinating Board for Mental Health Issues in Higher Education (CBMHI). The CBMHI will consist of designated administrators and counseling directors from each public four-year institution of higher education in the state.

Prior to January 1, 2020, CBMHI shall set forth reasonable standards and regulations for student counseling facilities at public four-year institutions of higher education relating to mental health problems within the academic community. The CBMHI must develop a process for evaluating an institution's effectiveness in addressing student mental health needs.

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 CBMHI and a measure of the institution's effectiveness in meeting student mental health needs.

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