

HB 1217 -- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SPONSOR: Fogle

This bill allows any child with a written authorization from a qualified health professional to be excused from attendance for mental health or behavioral health concerns. The bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in coordination with the Department of Mental Health to develop a model policy by the 2023-24 school year that school districts may adopt, and all districts will have a policy on excused absences by the 2023-24 school year.

This bill is the same as HB 2767 (2022) and similar to SB 122 (2023).