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S.F. No. 1468 – Mental health screening requirement (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Section 1. Mental health screening.

Subdivision 1. Screening required. Requires a school district or charter school that receives student support personnel aid to develop a mental health and substance use disorder screening plan for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Subd. 2. Parent notice. Requires a school district or charter school to notify parents of the screening plan. Prohibits a district or charter school from conducting a screening unless the student's parents have consented to the screening. Requires a district or charter school to provide certain information to a student's parents if the results of the student's screening are positive.

Subd. 3. Commissioner assistance. Requires the commissioner of education to provide certain screening tools and resources in consultation with the commissioner of human services.

Subd. 4. Screening data. Prohibits a school district or charter school from using the results of screening to make any decision related to the student's instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline. Clarifies the data protection and modifies the record retention requirements for screening data.

Subd. 5. Intermediate school districts and other cooperative units. Imposes the screening requirements on programs operated by an intermediate school district or other cooperative unit.

Effective date. Effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 2. Allowed uses [of student support personnel aid]. Adds mental health and substance use disorder screening costs to the allowable uses of student support personnel aid.