

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ Of _____

Amend SCS/Senate Bill No. 807 & 577, Page 11, Section 173.005, Line 238,

by inserting after all of said line the following:

"173.2530. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term
"student counseling facility" means any entity that provides
confidential mental health counseling, psychiatric services, or
developmental counseling to college students that is located on
campus or is associated with the institution of higher education
and operates in accordance with state and federal law pertaining
to mental health professions as well as applicable professional
and ethical codes.

2. Prior to January 1, 2020, the coordinating board for
higher education shall promulgate rules setting forth reasonable
standards and regulations for student counseling facilities at
public institutions of higher education in this state relating to
average wait time to see a mental health professional for an
initial appointment, the average number of sessions available to
students, when appropriate, before an off-campus referral,
prevention services and any other factors the coordinating board
for higher education determines are contributing factors leading
to the prevalence of mental health problems within the academic
community. After establishing such standards and regulations,

1 the coordinating board for higher education shall develop a
2 process for measuring an institution's ability to adequately meet
3 student mental health needs using assessment criteria developed
4 in validated studies of well-being and student mental health in
5 order to ensure that the effectiveness of the student counseling
6 programs are objectively evaluated.

7 3. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, and continuing
8 on an annual basis thereafter, each public institution of higher
9 education shall publish a report measuring compliance with the
10 standards established in subsection 2 of this section. If an
11 institution does not meet these standards, it shall include in
12 the report a plan to meet these standards within three academic
13 years. Additionally, the report shall include a measure of the
14 institution's ability to adequately meet student mental health
15 needs, using the process established in subsection 2 of this
16 section. All reports required by this section shall be made
17 available to the public.

18 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
19 in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated
20 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
21 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if
22 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
23 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
24 assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the
25 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
26 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
27 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018,
28 shall be invalid and void."; and

29 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.