

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 30 and 40 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 58/30)

7 Sec. 30. Training.

8 (a) The board of trustees of each public college or  
9 university must designate an expert panel to develop and  
10 implement policies and procedures that (i) advise students,  
11 faculty, and staff on the proper procedures for identifying  
12 and addressing the needs of students exhibiting symptoms of  
13 mental health conditions, (ii) promote understanding of the  
14 rules of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
15 and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to  
16 increase knowledge and understanding of student protections  
17 under the law, and (iii) provide training if appropriate.

18 The expert panel shall be comprised of at least 2  
19 administrators, 2 members of faculty, and one mental health  
20 professional.

21 (b) The Technical Assistance Center under Section 45 shall  
22 set initial standards for policies and procedures referenced  
23 in subsection (a) to ensure statewide consistency.

1 (c) All resident assistants in a student housing facility,  
2 advisors, and campus security of a public college or  
3 university must participate in a national Mental Health First  
4 Aid training course or a similar program prior to the  
5 commencement of their duties. Training must include the  
6 policies and procedures developed by the public college or  
7 university referenced under subsection (a).

8 (Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)

9 (110 ILCS 58/40)

10 Sec. 40. Local partnerships.

11 (a) Each public college or university must form strategic  
12 partnerships with local mental health service providers to  
13 improve overall campus mental wellness and augment on-campus  
14 capacity. The strategic partnerships must include linkage  
15 agreements with off-campus mental health service providers  
16 that establish a foundation for referrals for students when  
17 needs cannot be met on campus due to capacity or preference of  
18 the student. The strategic partnerships must also include (i)  
19 avenues for on-campus and off-campus mental health service  
20 providers to increase visibility to students via marketing and  
21 outreach, (ii) opportunities to engage the student body  
22 through student outreach initiatives like mindfulness  
23 workshops or campus-wide wellness fairs, and (iii)  
24 opportunities to support awareness and training requirements  
25 under this Act.

1 (b) Through a combination of on-campus capacity,  
2 off-campus linkage agreements with mental health service  
3 providers, and contracted telehealth therapy services, each  
4 public college or university shall attempt to meet a benchmark  
5 ratio of one clinical, non-student staff member to 1,250  
6 students. Each public college or university shall provide at  
7 least 3 licensed mental health professionals or, if the  
8 benchmark ratio falls under 3, at least the number of licensed  
9 mental health professionals required by the benchmark ratio.  
10 The mental health professional may be provided either in (i) a  
11 part-time, on-campus capacity or (ii) a full-time, on- or  
12 off-campus capacity. Service hours for the mental health  
13 professionals should be informed by campus utilization data  
14 and may include in-person and telehealth modalities to ensure  
15 access to the mental health professionals. If linkage  
16 agreements are used, the agreements must include the capacity  
17 of students providers are expected to serve within the agency.  
18 Two years after the effective date of this Act, and once every  
19 5 years thereafter, the Technical Assistance Center developed  
20 under Section 45 must propose to the General Assembly an  
21 updated ratio based on actual ratios in this State and any new  
22 information related to appropriate benchmarks for  
23 clinician-to-student ratios. The updated benchmark must  
24 represent a ratio of no less than one clinical, non-student  
25 staff member to 1,250 students.

26 (c) Each public college or university must work with local

1 resources, such as on-campus mental health counseling centers  
2 or wellness centers, local mental health service providers, or  
3 non-providers, such as affiliates of the National Alliance on  
4 Mental Illness, and any other resources to meet the awareness  
5 and training requirements under Sections 25 and 30 of this  
6 Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)