



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4119

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Chris Miller

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.203

Amends the School Code. In provisions requiring the State Board of Education to develop model school district procedures to facilitate the implementation of mental health screenings for students, provides that the procedures shall include the option for parents to opt in (rather than opt out) of mental health screenings for their children. Effective January 1, 2026.

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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 School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.203 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.203)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-32)

8 Sec. 2-3.203. Mental health screenings.

9 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the State Board of  
10 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral  
11 Health Transformation Officer, Children's Behavioral Health  
12 Transformation Team, and the Office of the Governor, shall  
13 file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly that  
14 includes recommendations for implementation of mental health  
15 screenings in schools for students enrolled in kindergarten  
16 through grade 12. This report must include a landscape scan of  
17 current district-wide screenings, recommendations for  
18 screening tools, training for staff, and linkage and referral  
19 for identified students.

20 (b) On or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of  
21 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral  
22 Health Transformation Team, the Office of the Governor, and  
23 relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that

1 includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to  
2 implement universal mental health screening of students. The  
3 strategy shall build upon existing efforts to understand  
4 district needs for resources, technology, training, and  
5 infrastructure supports. The strategy shall include a  
6 framework for supporting districts in a phased approach to  
7 implement universal mental health screenings. The State Board  
8 of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the  
9 General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for  
10 phased approach to universal mental health screening of  
11 students on or before April 1, 2025.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-546, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;  
13 103-885, eff. 8-9-24.)

14 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-32)

15 Sec. 2-3.203. Mental health screenings.

16 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the State Board of  
17 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral  
18 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor,  
19 shall file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly  
20 that includes recommendations for implementation of mental  
21 health screenings in schools for students enrolled in  
22 kindergarten through grade 12. This report must include a  
23 landscape scan of current district-wide screenings,  
24 recommendations for screening tools, training for staff, and  
25 linkage and referral for identified students.

1 (b) On or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of  
2 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral  
3 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor, and  
4 relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that  
5 includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to  
6 implement universal mental health screening of students. The  
7 strategy shall build upon existing efforts to understand  
8 district needs for resources, technology, training, and  
9 infrastructure supports. The strategy shall include a  
10 framework for supporting districts in a phased approach to  
11 implement universal mental health screenings. The State Board  
12 of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the  
13 General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for  
14 phased approach to universal mental health screening of  
15 students on or before April 1, 2025.

16 (c) On or before September 1, 2026, the State Board of  
17 Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral  
18 Health Transformation Team in the Office of the Governor and  
19 relevant stakeholders, shall report its work and make  
20 available resource materials, including model procedures and  
21 guidance informed by a phased approach to implementing  
22 universal mental health screening in schools. These model  
23 school district procedures to facilitate the implementation of  
24 mental health screenings shall include, but are not limited  
25 to, the option to opt in ~~opt-out~~, confidentiality and privacy  
26 considerations, communication with families and communities

1 about the use of mental health screenings, data sharing, and  
2 storage of mental health screening results and plans for  
3 follow-up and linkage to resources after screenings. Guidance  
4 shall include (1) mental health screening tools available for  
5 school districts to use with students and (2) associated  
6 training for school personnel. The State Board of Education  
7 shall make these resource materials available on its website.

8 (d) Mental health screenings shall be offered by school  
9 districts to students enrolled in grade 3 through grade 12, at  
10 least once a year, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. A  
11 district may, by action of the State Board of Education, apply  
12 for an extension of the 2027-2028 school year implementation  
13 deadline if the school district meets criteria set by rule by  
14 the State Board of Education, which shall be based on the  
15 recommendations of the report issued in accordance with  
16 subsection (c). Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
17 subsection, the requirement to offer mental health screenings  
18 shall be in effect only for school years in which the State has  
19 successfully procured a screening tool that offers a  
20 self-report option for students and is made available to  
21 school districts at no cost.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-546, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;  
23 103-885, eff. 8-9-24; 104-32, eff. 1-1-26; revised 8-28-25.)

24 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
25 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text

1     that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
2     represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
3     not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
4     made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
5     Public Act.

6             Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
7     1, 2026.