

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 Section 25 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 58/25)

7 Sec. 25. Awareness. To raise mental health awareness on  
8 college campuses, each public college or university must do  
9 all of the following:

10 (1) Develop and implement an annual student  
11 orientation session aimed at raising awareness about  
12 mental health conditions.

13 (2) Assess courses and seminars available to students  
14 through their regular academic experiences and implement  
15 mental health awareness curricula if opportunities for  
16 integration exist.

17 (3) Create and feature a page on its website or mobile  
18 application with information dedicated solely to the  
19 mental health resources available to students at the  
20 public college or university and in the surrounding  
21 community.

22 (4) Distribute messages related to mental health  
23 resources that encourage help-seeking behavior through the

1 online learning platform of the public college or  
2 university during high stress periods of the academic  
3 year, including, but not limited to, midterm or final  
4 examinations. These stigma-reducing strategies must be  
5 based on documented best practices.

6 (5) Three years after the effective date of this Act,  
7 implement an online screening tool to raise awareness and  
8 establish a mechanism to link or refer students of the  
9 public college or university to services. Screenings and  
10 resources must be available year round for students and,  
11 at a minimum, must (i) include validated screening tools  
12 for depression, an anxiety disorder, an eating disorder,  
13 substance use, alcohol-use disorder, post-traumatic stress  
14 disorder, and bipolar disorder, (ii) provide resources for  
15 immediate connection to services, if indicated, including  
16 emergency resources, (iii) provide general information  
17 about all mental health-related resources available to  
18 students of the public college or university, and (iv)  
19 function anonymously.

20 (6) At least once per term and at times of high  
21 academic stress, including midterm or final examinations,  
22 provide students information regarding online screenings  
23 and resources.

24 (7) Provide contact information for the National  
25 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, for the Crisis Text Line, and  
26 for the mental health counseling center or program of the

1       public college or university on the back of each student  
2       identification card issued by the public college or  
3       university after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
4       of the 102nd General Assembly. If the public college or  
5       university does not issue student identification cards to  
6       its students, the public college or university must  
7       publish the contact information on its website.

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

9       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
10      2022.