

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 355,
2 Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "173.2528. 1. Prior to January 1, 2018, the department of higher education shall
5 promulgate rules establishing the Coordinating Board for Mental Health Issues in Higher Education
6 (CBMHI).

7 2. The CBMHI shall consist of representatives from the coordinating board for higher
8 education and designated counseling directors from each public institution of higher education in
9 Missouri. Every sector of public institution of higher education in Missouri shall be represented on
10 the CBMHI, with no two members to be employed by the same institution or engaged in a
11 supervisory relationship of any kind. Committee membership shall change every four years. One
12 member shall be a representative of the coordinating board for higher education, and the remaining
13 members shall consist of designated counseling directors from public institutions of higher
14 education.

15 173.2530. 1. Prior to January 1, 2019, the coordinating board for mental health issues in
16 higher education shall promulgate rules setting forth reasonable standards and regulations for
17 student counseling facilities at public institutions of higher education in this state relating to student-
18 to-staff ratios, average wait time to see a counselor for an initial appointment, prevention services
19 and any other factors the board determines are contributing factors leading to the prevalence of
20 mental health problems within the academic community. After establishing such standards and
21 regulations, the CBMHI shall develop a process for evaluating student counseling programs at
22 public institutions of higher education to assess whether programs have met the board's criteria.
23 The evaluation process at each institution of higher education shall include measurement of an
24 institution's ability to adequately meet student mental health needs using assessment criteria
25 developed in validated studies of well-being and mental health of students in order to ensure that the
26 effectiveness of the student counseling programs are objectively evaluated.

27 2. The CBMHI shall prescribe policies and procedures for annual review of an institution's
28 counseling program and actions to be taken when an institution's counseling program fails to meet
29 CBMHI standards.

30 3. For purposes of sections 173.2530 and 173.2532, the term "student counseling facility"
31 means any entity that provides confidential mental health counseling, psychiatric services, or
32 developmental counseling to college students that is located on campus or is associated with the
33 institution of higher education and operates in accordance with state and federal law pertaining to
34 mental health professionals as well as applicable professional and ethical codes.

35 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
36 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is

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1 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
2 chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
3 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
4 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
5 August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.

6 173.2532. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, and continuing on an annual basis
7 thereafter, student counseling facilities in operation at public institutions of higher education in this
8 state shall participate in an annual needs assessment to identify deficiencies that place such facilities
9 below standards established by the coordinating board for mental health issues in higher education
10 under section 173.2532. The CBMHI shall develop specific procedures through which the
11 assessments are written, distributed, collected, and evaluated."; and

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13 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
14 accordingly.