

HB 920 -- STUDENT COUNSELING FACILITIES

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Prior to January 1, 2018, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) must promulgate rules setting forth reasonable standards and regulations for student counseling facilities at public institutions of higher education relating to mental health problems within the academic community.

After developing such standards and regulations, DMH must develop a process for evaluating these student counseling programs. After consulting with the Department of Higher Education (DHE), DMH must prescribe policies and procedures for annual reviews of an institution's counseling program and actions to be taken when programs fails to meet the department's standards.

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, student counseling facilities in operation at public institutions of higher education must participate in an annual needs assessment to identify deficiencies that place such facilities below standards established by DMH.