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HB 2420 Requiring parental consent prior to providing any school-based mental health service to student, exceptions to such requirement; authorizing the imposition of a civil penalty for each violation thereof.

I have been a Kansas public school teacher for 41 years and had numerous students that were not only on Tier 1, but 2 and 3. First of all, when a student had an emotional crisis, I am so very thankful we had a counselor's assistance working with our students.

Secondly, I was in a Title One building most of my career and parents worked in many places they could not receive phone call interruptions, the counselor could not make immediate contact with parent.

Thirdly, please realize that time is crucial in such situations, therefore I am in opposition to this bill. Thank you for recognizing and considering these reasons to vote against acceptance of this bill handicapping students in need even more.