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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Estes
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 22, 2026

Subject: HB 2420 – Parent notification and consent requirement for school-based mental health services.

House Bill No. 2420 (HB 2420) would enact new law to require parental notification and consent before school-based mental health services could be provided to a student. The bill defines school-based mental health services as “any program, intervention or strategy applied in a school setting that is specifically designed to influence a student’s emotional, behavioral or social functioning.” This includes “interventions to address mental health concerns that are provided under tier 2 and tier 3 of the multi-tiered system of supports framework.” Interventions provided under tier 1 are not considered mental health services.

Before any school employee, agent, or contractor can provide mental health services to a student, verbal and written notice of the purpose, time frame, and plan for providing such services must be provided to the parent of such student. Additionally, the parent must provide written consent to such services before such services can begin.

Nothing in the new law would prevent a school from administering a suicide risk assessment or screening tool if there is a credible report of a risk of suicide.

HB 2420 provides a civil penalty to be assessed against the school district for each violation. The penalty amount is \$5,000 and would be collected and deposited in the state general fund if the violation is prosecuted by the Attorney General, or in the county general fund if prosecuted by the county or district attorney.

If enacted, HB 2420 would become effective on July 1, 2026.