

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3540
Version:	CS
Request Number:	11124
Author:	Rep. Boatman
Date:	3/3/2020
Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 3540 creates “Maria’s law”, which requires schools to include mental health instruction in their physical education and health curriculum, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. The measure requires the State Board of Education to collaborate with the Department of Mental Health to create and approve age-appropriate curriculum for students in grades K-12. The committee substitute also directs school districts to provide teachers with at least eight hours of training on mental health awareness per year. School districts may use a nonprofit entity or community partner to provide the training.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, it is not anticipated that the measure will result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

May result in added costs on the district level.