

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3540
Version:	INT
Request Number:	9806
Author:	Rep. Boatman
Date:	2/23/2020
Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

HB 3540, as introduced, 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.

Lastly the measure requires school districts to provide teachers with at least eight hours of training on mental health awareness per year.

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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.