

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 626 allows the parent or legal guardian of a student enrolling in his or her resident district to disclose prior to enrollment whether the student received inpatient or emergency outpatient mental health services from a mental health facility in the previous 24 months. It states that if such a disclosure is made, designated school personnel are to meet with the parent or legal guardian of the student and representatives from the mental health facility prior to enrollment to determine if the student is in need of any accommodations. It allows the meeting to be held in person, via teleconference, or via videoconference. It directs the required disclosure and subsequent handling of personal health information and related student records to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The measure also amends a provision of the Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act to require a designee of a mental health facility to inform the parent or person responsible for supervision of a minor of the importance of disclosing the mental health needs of the minor to his or her resident school district. It requires the notification upon discharge of the minor from inpatient treatment.

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