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Bill Analysis

HB 4106 directs each public school district to maintain a protocol for responding to students in mental health crisis to prevent suicide, self-harm, and harm to others. It directs the protocol to be developed in partnership with one or more local mental health treatment providers certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. It directs an organization certified as a community mental health center or a certified community behavioral health clinic to serve as a school partner if requested by a district located in its service area. The bill directs a school that identifies a student under age 18 as being in or at risk of a mental health crisis to inform the parent or guardian of the student and offer treatment referral information. It requires parent or guardian consent for any subsequent action by the school except in cases of immediate and life-threatening danger to self or others. It directs the district and its mental health provider partners to jointly review the protocol and working agreements every two years, and it directs such review to include information gathered from the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey or a comparable survey. It directs school districts to submit the latest protocol and working agreements to the State Department of Education, which is to share them with the Department of Mental Health, which may require revisions. The measure directs the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to districts and their mental health provider partners. The bill also amends language regarding administration of the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. It requires a school district superintendent or his or her designee to provide prior written notification to the parents or legal guardians of students about the survey and information allowing them to opt their student out of the survey via written notice. It also requires the Department of Mental Health to submit the survey prior to its administration to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the House and Senate education and public health committees.

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