

HR 5526

Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 8, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8450	Related bill	Nov 7, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 394.

Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act

This bill requires local educational agencies (LEAs) participating in the school lunch or breakfast programs to include in their local school wellness policies (1) goals for mental health promotion and education, and (2) nutrition guidelines for reducing childhood eating disorders. Such LEAs must also include registered dietitians and school-based mental health services providers in the development, implementation, and periodic review of such policies.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to provide information and technical assistance to school health professionals (including school-based mental health services providers) for use in establishing healthy school environments. Such technical assistance must promote mental health, encourage mental health assessments, and establish resilient school environments.

Actions Timeline

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