

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

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388.1697e.added School safety and mental health commission.

Sec. 97e. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2022-2023 only an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for the commission.

(2) The school safety and mental health commission is created within the department.

(3) The commission must consist of all of the following members who must be appointed by the governor as follows:

(a) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the minority leader of the house of representatives who has experience in school mental health.

(b) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives who has a background in law enforcement.

(c) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives who is a parent.

(d) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the senate minority leader who is a school psychologist or psychiatrist.

(e) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the senate majority leader who is a prosecutor.

(f) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the senate majority leader who is a teacher.

(g) One member who has a background in school administration.

(h) One member who has experience in school-threat assessments.

(i) One member who has experience in the provision of inpatient treatment to children under age 18.

(4) The director of the department of health and human services or the director's designee may be a member of the commission. In addition, the following department heads or their designees that are from within their respective departments or agencies may be nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission:

(a) The director of the department of state police.

(b) The superintendent of public instruction.

(5) The governor shall appoint 5 of the first members to 2-year terms and 4 of the first members to 4-year terms. After the first appointments, the term of a member of the commission is 4 years or until a successor is appointed under subsection (3), whichever is later.

(6) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, an individual must be appointed in the same manner as prescribed under subsection (3) to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

(7) The governor may remove a member of the commission for incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

(8) The commission shall meet at least monthly.

(9) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for transacting business. A vote of the majority of the members of the commission serving is required for any action of the commission.

(10) The commission shall conduct its business in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(11) A writing that is prepared, owned, used, possessed, or retained by the commission in performing an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(12) A member of the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the commission, but the commission may reimburse a member for actual and necessary expenses incurred in serving.

(13) The commission shall do all of the following:

(a) Collaborate to provide recommendations to reduce youth suicides and strengthen the mental health of school-aged children, adolescents, and their families through a comprehensive, statewide approach.

(b) Seek input from educational professionals, mental health professionals, and organizations from across this state to suggest approaches to identify and support students at risk of behavioral health issues.

(c) Collaborate with the Michigan suicide prevention commission on recommendations regarding youth suicide.

(d) Create and maintain an online community through which best practices and resources can be shared, host professional trainings, and engage in public awareness efforts regarding mental health issues and resources.

(e) Review possible uses of and make recommendations for the use of funds received by districts and nonpublic schools under section 97.

(f) Convey recommendations to the department of licensing and regulatory affairs and the bureau of construction codes within the department of licensing and regulatory affairs concerning building construction that is consistent with school safety needs.

(14) The commission may hire an executive director and staff.

(15) As used in this section, "commission" means the school safety and mental health commission created in subsection (2).

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