

**HB 2456 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Finds that children's mental health is critical to school readiness and left untreated, mental health issues create the potential of significant damage and life-long consequences.

Finds that mental health consultation in child-care settings can provide information, education, and support for caregivers and administrators to enable them to identify and work more effectively with children presenting difficult behaviors or other challenges to caregivers.

Declares an intent to promote the integration of mental health services into early care and education settings as a means of early intervention to prevent more serious, long-term consequences and to promote quality child care continuity and school readiness for more children.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.