



HB 2089 schools; safety; threat assessment teams (Kavanagh)

- Requires each school district governing board and charter school governing body to adopt policies to establish threat assessment teams for the purpose of:
 - Assessing individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students and intervening when necessary
 - Referring individuals to community services boards or health care providers to be evaluated and treated, when appropriate.
- Requires each school district superintendent or the chief administrative officer of a charter school to establish, for each school, a threat assessment team that includes, subject to staff availability, individuals with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law enforcement.
- Clarifies that threat assessment teams may serve one or more schools.
- Requires each threat assessment team to:
 - Provide guidance to students, school faculty and staff regarding recognizing an individual's threatening or aberrant behavior that may threaten the community, the school or self
 - Identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior must be reported
 - Implement policies adopted by the school district governing board or charter school governing body regarding the assessing and referring of identified individuals.
- Permits a school district superintendent or the chief administrative officer of a charter school to establish a committee that is charged with overseeing the threat assessment teams operating within the school district and specifies that the committee:
 - May be an existing committee
 - Must include, subject to staff availability, individuals with expertise in human resources, education, school administration, mental health and law enforcement.
- Stipulates the threat assessment team must immediately report a preliminary determination that an individual poses a threat of violence or physical harm to self or others to the school district superintendent or a designee, who then must notify a student's parent if the individual is a student.
- Specifies that school district personnel are not precluded from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.
- States that after a threat assessment team preliminarily determines that an individual poses a threat of violence to self or others or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or a need for assistance, the law enforcement officer on the threat assessment team may:
 - Request any case information relating to an individual
 - Conduct a check of the individual's criminal history records.
- Prohibits threat assessment team members from disclosing any case information or information about an individual's criminal history or use any record of an individual beyond the purposes for which the disclosure was made to the threat assessment team.
- Requires each threat assessment team to collect and report twice each year to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and ACTIC on its activities using a form provided by ACTIC.
- States that a threat assessment team may not collect and report data that is protected under HIPAA



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- Requires DPS to provide a law enforcement agency with access to case information upon request from a law enforcement officer on a threat assessment team.