## **HOUSE BILL NO. 4258**

March 18, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Rigas, Neyer, Harris, Fairbairn, Kunse, Schmaltz, Linting, BeGole and Meerman and referred to Committee on Education and Workforce.

A bill to amend 2013 PA 183, entitled "Student safety act,"

by amending section 3 (MCL 752.913), as amended by 2020 PA 401.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 3. (1) The department, in consultation with the
- 2 department of health and human services and the department of
- 3 education, shall, to the extent that funds are appropriated for the
- 4 purpose, establish a program for receiving reports and other
- 5 information from the public regarding potential self-harm and
- 6 potential harm or criminal acts, including, but not limited to,

- 1 sexual abuse, assault, or rape, directed at school students, school
- 2 employees, or schools in this state. The department shall establish
- 3 the program within the guidelines of this act. The department shall
- 4 have access to the information needed to meet the reporting
- 5 requirements of section 8.
- 6 (2) The program described in subsection (1) must include a
- 7 hotline for receiving reports and information described in
- 8 subsection (1). The hotline must be available for use 24 hours a
- 9 day, 365 days a year. The department may provide promotional
- 10 information regarding the program on its departmental website.
- 11 (3) Beginning on the date that the hotline established under
- 12 this act is operational, all calls received by any existing state-
- 13 run school violence hotline in operation before the establishment
- 14 of this act must be directed to the hotline established under this
- 15 act. Any existing state-run school violence hotline in operation
- 16 before December 13, 2013 must be disconnected within 6 months after
- 17 the hotline established under this act is operational.
- 18 (4) The department is responsible for the continued
- 19 operational and administrative oversight of the program. The
- 20 program must provide for a means to review all information
- 21 submitted through the hotline and to direct those reports and that
- 22 information, including any analysis of the potential threat as
- 23 determined appropriate by the department to local law enforcement
- 24 officials and school officials. The program must include a means by
- 25 which responses at the local level are determined and evaluated for
- 26 effectiveness. The department shall ensure that appropriate
- 27 training is provided to program personnel in all of the following
- 28 areas:
- 29 (a) Crisis management, including recognizing mental illness

1 and emotional disturbance.

- 2 (b) The resources that are available in the community for3 providing mental health treatment and other human services.
- 4 (c) Other matters determined by the department to be relevant5 to the administration and operation of the program.
  - (5) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall, as soon as possible or not more than 24 hours after receiving a tip related to a nonpublic school or school district, notify that nonpublic school or school district through the nonpublic school's or school district's main office telephone line, and the local law enforcement agency or county sheriff's department within which the nonpublic school or school district is located, or other appropriate agencies as determined by the department.
- (6) (5) A report or other information submitted to the hotline is considered to be a report to a law enforcement agency and must be maintained as a record by the department for at least 1 year, subject to the confidentiality requirements of this act.
  - (7) (6)—The department shall ensure that any hotline information that suggests that a psychiatric emergency is taking place within a county is immediately referred to the community mental health services program psychiatric crisis line for that county.
  - (8) (7)—The department shall develop a source of information on available community mental health resources and contacts, including mental health services. The department shall notify schools and law enforcement of this information source. The notice must include the departmental recommendation that schools and law enforcement, on investigating a case and determining that mental

- 1 illness or emotional disturbance is or may be involved, utilize
- 2 this information in aiding subjects and their parents or quardians.
- 3 (9) (8) At least biannually, the governing body of a school
- 4 shall provide to the department current emergency contact
- 5 information for at least 1 school official to ensure that a school
- 6 official is able to receive information under subsection (4) at all
- 7 times. If a governing body provides contact information for more
- 8 than 1 school official, the governing body shall specify the days
- 9 and times that each school official is available to receive
- 10 information under subsection (4).
- 11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 12 unless House Bill No. 4259 (request no. H02334'25) of the 103rd
- 13 Legislature is enacted into law.