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2 An act relating to the reporting of student mental
3 health outcomes; creating s. 394.4575, F.S.; requiring
4 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
5 Accountability to submit an initial specified
6 evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a
7 specified date; providing evaluation requirements;
8 requiring the office to submit a final specified
9 evaluation to the Governor and Legislature by a
10 specified date; providing evaluation requirements;
11 providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 394.4575, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 394.4575 Student mental health assistance program
18 evaluation.—

19 (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
20 Accountability (OPPAGA), in consultation with the Department of
21 Children and Families, the Department of Education, the Louis de
22 la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, and any other
23 identified relevant stakeholder, must evaluate school district
24 compliance with ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4) and
25 the mental health services and supports provided to students

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26 pursuant to those sections. OPPAGA must:

27 (a) By December 31, 2025, provide an initial evaluation of
28 the expenditure plans and program outcome reports submitted by
29 school districts as required in s. 1006.041 to the Governor, the
30 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives. The evaluation must include, but is not limited
32 to:

33 1. An assessment of school district compliance with the
34 requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

35 2. An assessment of treatment outcomes, system capacity,
36 and performance of mental health services provided pursuant to
37 s. 1006.041(2) (a) and (b).

38 3. An assessment of the policies, procedures, and data
39 collection that inform the reporting by school districts as
40 required pursuant to s. 1006.041.

41 4. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs'
42 integration into the coordinated system of care required under
43 s. 394.4573.

44 5. Identification of, and recommendations for, other
45 relevant data and information needed from the mental health
46 assistance programs to annually perform an effective evaluation
47 of treatment outcomes, system capacity, performance, and level
48 of integration with coordinated systems of care.

49 (b) By December 1, 2026, provide a final review and
50 evaluation of the mental health assistance programs within the

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51 school districts to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
52 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The evaluation
53 must include, but is not limited to:

54 1. An assessment of school district compliance with the
55 requirements of ss. 1001.212(11), 1006.041, and 1012.584(4).

56 2. An assessment of the treatment outcomes, system
57 capacity, and performance of mental health services provided
58 pursuant to s. 1006.041(2)(a) and (b).

59 3. An assessment of the mental health assistance programs'
60 ongoing level of integration with the coordinated system of care
61 required under s. 394.4573.

62 4. Recommendations to enhance treatment outcomes, system
63 capacity, and performance of school-based the mental health
64 assistance programs and increase the integration of those
65 programs into the coordinated system of care.

66 (2) The Department of Education and school district threat
67 management coordinators and mental health coordinators as
68 described in s. 1006.07 must coordinate with OPPAGA and must
69 provide requested information, reports, and data for evaluation
70 and inclusion in the report, including, but not limited to:

71 (a) Referrals to mental health services originating from
72 the behavioral threat process or assessment instrument, in the
73 aggregate.

74 (b) OPPAGA identified:

75 1. Performance metrics.

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76 2. Treatment outcome metrics.

77 3. System capacity metrics.

78 (3) The department and the Louis de la Parte Florida
79 Mental Health Institute must coordinate with OPPAGA and provide
80 requested information and data related to outcomes and
81 performance of integrated and coordinated systems of care
82 pursuant to chapter 394 for evaluation and inclusion in the
83 report.

84 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.