

HB0373—STUDENT SUPPORT AMENDMENTS



EXPANDS on a successful elementary school program passed in the 2018 session.

Establishes measurable GOALS for improving student safety, student engagement and school culture

PROVIDES funding to local education associations for school-based mental health support:

	National Standard	Utah Current Ratio
School counselors K-6	1:250	1:1,562
School counselors 7-12	1:250	1:341
Psychologists	1:500—1:700	1:2,207
Social workers	1:250	1:5,197
School nurses	1:750	1:4,136

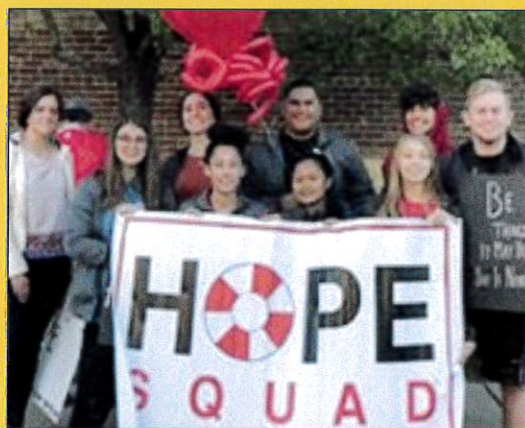


75% - 80% of children and youth in schools in need of mental health services do not receive them.

Of those who do receive assistance, 70% - 80% receive mental health services in schools.



Unaddressed mental health needs increase risk for suspension, expulsion, dropout and entering the juvenile justice system.



FUNDING can also be used for the School Safety and Crisis Line and youth suicide prevention Programs
Funding PRIORITIZED by the Public Education Appropriations committee.

Supported by:

- Utah School Counselor Association
- Utah Association of School Psychologists
- Utah School Nurse Association
- Governor's Office
- Utah State Board of Education
- Utah State PTA

Provides GRANTS for local education associations to partner with their local Mental Health Authority for higher acuity students.

