

H.F. 2196

As amended by H2196A1

Subject Children's mental health terminology**Authors** Fischer**Analyst** Sarah Sunderman**Date** March 21, 2025**Summary**

This bill, as amended, updates terminology throughout health and human services statutes by deleting the terms “emotional disturbance” and “severe emotional disturbance” and replacing them with “mental illness” and “serious mental illness.” The bill also removes the term “out-of-home placement” and replaces it with “residential treatment and therapeutic foster care” throughout the children’s mental health act, sections 245.487 to 245.4887. Conforming changes related to the terminology updates are made throughout the bill.

In addition to terminology changes, in section 25, the bill adds a requirement for professional home-based family treatment (intensive children’s mental health services) to be coordinated with other services provided to the child and family. In section 29, the bill modifies county board duties to require a county to screen a child under the children’s mental health act only upon the child’s admission to a residential treatment facility, removing the requirement to screen a child upon admission to acute care hospital inpatient treatment or informal admission to a regional treatment center.