

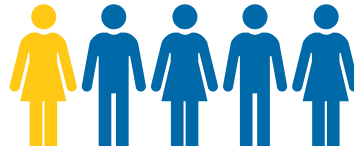
SB 508 Student Mental Health

There is a mental health crisis among California students.



The **suicide rate** among 10 to 14 year olds **doubled** between 2007 and 2014.

One in five California high school students considered suicide in the last 12 months.



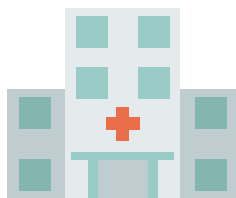
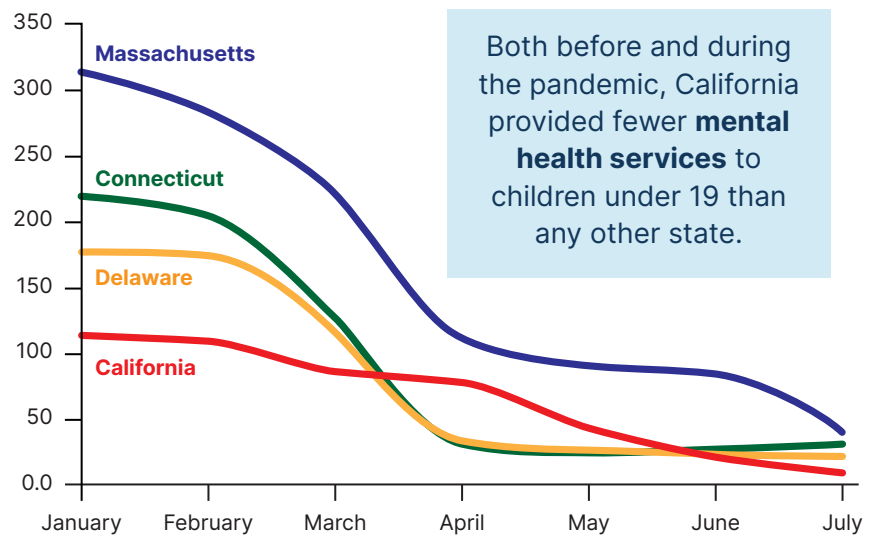
There has been a **227% increase** in calls to the California Youth Crisis Hotline during the pandemic.

Services for children are significantly limited by affordability and accessibility.



Less than 5% of children receive the mental health services they are entitled to.

California estimates **7.6% of children** ages 0 to 18 need mental health services annually, which **increases to 8.9%** for children from households below 200% of the poverty level.



Students with mental health experts on their school campus are **21 times more likely** to receive mental health services.

SB 508 would:

Require health plans to collaborate with schools to meet student mental health needs.

Provide reimbursement for services delivered to insured students.

Allow schools to utilize telehealth to provide services.



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