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SUMMARY

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) introduced a comprehensive framework to develop “R.A.D.I.A.N.T.” students, learners who are Resilient, Aware, Digitally literate, Inclusive, Active, Nurturing, and Transformative. The policy aims to ensure students are equipped not only academically but also in terms of well-being, adaptability, and social responsibility.

To support this vision, CHED outlines six pillars of a Healthy Learning Institution (HLI):

1. health-focused policies
2. safe and inclusive physical environments
3. supportive social environments
4. integration of health education into curricula
5. strong community linkages
6. access to healthcare services

These pillars are reinforced through operational strategies such as promotion, prevention, intervention, referral systems, monitoring and evaluation, and recognition of best practices.

Higher education institutions (HEIs) are required to institutionalize these measures by integrating them into policies, forming dedicated committees, allocating resources, and conducting regular self-assessments. CHED will classify institutions based on compliance levels, with top-performing schools eligible for recognition, funding support, and designation as learning hubs.

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ACTIONABLE ADVICE

HEIs should align strategic plans with CHED's HLI framework by embedding health and wellness policies across academic and administrative functions. HEIs must establish dedicated units to oversee implementation and ensure adequate funding and staffing.

HEIs should also implement structured monitoring systems and maintain documentation to meet reporting requirements and qualify for incentives. Institutions may benefit from partnerships with healthcare providers and local stakeholders to strengthen service delivery and compliance.

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