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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for training on suicide prevention and
2 trauma-informed care for school personnel.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 63. In coordination with the department
4 of public health, convene and facilitate an advisory group for
5 the purpose of selecting qualified programs for the training
6 of school personnel on suicide prevention and trauma-informed
7 care as required by section 272.2, subsection 19. The advisory
8 group shall be comprised of stakeholders, including but not
9 limited to mental health professionals, school administrators,
10 and guidance counselors.

11 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Adopt rules requiring individuals
14 applying for renewal of a license, certificate, authorization,
15 or statement of recognition issued by the board who provide
16 a service to students from grades six through twelve to
17 undergo two hours of training on suicide prevention and
18 trauma-informed care prior to each renewal. For purposes of
19 this subsection, "*trauma-informed care*" means services that are
20 based on an understanding of the vulnerabilities and triggers
21 of individuals who have experienced trauma, recognize the role
22 trauma has played in the lives of those individuals, recognize
23 the presence of trauma symptoms and their onset, are supportive
24 of trauma recovery, and avoid further traumatization.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill requires the board of educational examiners
27 to adopt rules requiring individuals applying for renewal
28 of a license, certificate, authorization, or statement of
29 recognition issued by the board who provide a service to
30 students from grades six through 12 to undergo two hours
31 of training on suicide prevention and trauma-informed care
32 prior to each renewal. The requirement applies each time an
33 individual seeks renewal.

34 The bill requires the director of the department of
35 education, in coordination with the department of public

1 health, to convene and facilitate an advisory group for the
2 purpose of selecting qualified programs for the training
3 required by the bill. The advisory group is to be comprised
4 of stakeholders, including but not limited to mental health
5 professionals, school administrators, and school guidance
6 counselors.