

Senate File 378 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for training on suicide awareness and
- 2 prevention for school personnel and crisis plans for
- 3 attendance centers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 61. Develop or select programs or materials
4 for suicide awareness and prevention training required by
5 section 272.2, subsection 20, and make such programs or
6 materials available at no cost to individuals required to
7 undergo such training.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 62. Provide guidance to school districts
9 regarding the development and implementation of attendance
10 center suicide awareness, prevention, and response plans
11 pursuant to section 279.70.

12 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Adopt rules requiring persons
15 holding a license, certificate, authorization, or statement
16 of recognition issued by the board who provide a service to
17 students to undergo one hour of training on suicide awareness
18 and prevention per calendar year as a condition of renewal
19 of the license, certificate, authorization, or statement of
20 recognition. A person may meet this requirement through
21 independent self-review of training materials approved by the
22 department of education.

23 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.70 Attendance center suicide**
24 **awareness, prevention, and response plans.**

25 The board of directors of a school district shall develop and
26 implement an attendance center suicide awareness, prevention,
27 and response plan for each attendance center in the district.
28 The plan shall include procedures for suicide awareness,
29 prevention, and response. The procedures shall include steps
30 for recognizing suicide ideation by a student, appropriate
31 methods of intervention for a student presenting a risk for
32 suicide, and a crisis recovery plan for responses to student
33 suicide.

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EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to
3 adopt rules requiring persons holding a license, certificate,
4 authorization, or statement of recognition issued by the board
5 who provide a service to students to undergo one hour of
6 training on suicide awareness and prevention as a condition
7 of renewal of the license, certificate, authorization, or
8 statement of recognition. The requirement applies each time an
9 individual seeks renewal. A person may meet this requirement
10 through independent self-review of training materials approved
11 by the department of education.

12 The bill requires school boards to develop and implement
13 attendance center suicide awareness, prevention, and response
14 plans for each attendance center in the school district. The
15 plan must include procedures for suicide awareness, prevention,
16 and response.

17 The bill requires the director of the department of
18 education to develop or select programs or materials for
19 suicide awareness and prevention training required by the
20 bill and make such programs or materials available at no cost
21 to individuals required to undergo such training. The bill
22 requires the director to provide guidance to school districts
23 regarding the development and implementation of attendance
24 center suicide awareness, prevention, and response plans
25 pursuant to the bill.