

Senate File 337 - Reprinted

SENATE FILE 337
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 216)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 13, 2013)

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 272.2, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Adopt rules requiring individuals
4 applying for renewal of a license, certificate, authorization,
5 or statement of recognition issued by the board who provide
6 a service to students to undergo training on suicide
7 prevention and trauma-informed care prior to each renewal. In
8 coordination with the department of education, the department
9 of public health, and stakeholders, including but not limited
10 to mental health professionals, school administrators, school
11 nurses, and guidance counselors, the board shall select
12 qualified programs for such training. For purposes of this
13 subsection, "*trauma-informed care*" means services that are based
14 on an understanding of the vulnerabilities and triggers of
15 individuals who have experienced trauma, recognize the role
16 trauma has played in the lives of those individuals, recognize
17 the presence of trauma symptoms and their onset, are supportive
18 of trauma recovery, and avoid further traumatization.