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HOUSE BILL NO. 1546

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAUER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to youth suicide awareness and prevention education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 170.047 and 170.048, to read as follows:

170.047. 1. In the 2017-18 school year and subsequent years, any licensed educator may annually complete up to two hours of training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of the professional development hours required for state board of education certification.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines suitable for training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention. The department shall develop materials that may be used for such training or professional development.

3. For purposes of this section, the term "licensed educator" means any teacher with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any other educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by the state board of education.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,
19 to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
20 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted
21 after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide
2 awareness and prevention, including the training and education of district employees.

3 2. Each district's policy shall address, but need not be limited to, the following:

4 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are at possible risk of suicide;

5 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at possible risk of suicide; and

6 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

7 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary education shall
8 develop a model policy that districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the
9 department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input from organizations that have
10 expertise in youth suicide awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least every
11 three years thereafter, the department shall request information and seek feedback from
12 districts on their experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention.
13 The department shall review this information and may use it to change the department's
14 model policy. The department shall post any information on its website that it has received
15 from districts that it deems relevant. The department shall not post any confidential
16 information or any information that personally identifies any student or school employee.

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