

HOUSE BILL NO. 2565

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTECILLO.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to trauma-informed approaches, with a delayed effective date.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 161.1050, to read as follows:

**161.1050. 1. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and
2 secondary education the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative".**

**3 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall consult the
4 department of mental health and the department of social services for assistance in
5 fulfilling the requirements of this section.**

6 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall:

**7 (1) Provide information regarding the trauma-informed approach to all school
8 districts;**

**9 (2) Offer training on the trauma-informed approach to all school districts, which
10 shall include information on how schools can become trauma-informed schools; and**

**11 (3) Develop a website about the trauma-informed schools initiative that includes
12 information for schools and parents regarding the trauma-informed approach and a guide
13 for schools on how to become trauma-informed schools.**

**14 4. Each school district shall provide the address of the website described under
15 subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of this section to all parents of the students in its district
16 before October first of each school year.**

17 5. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

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 **(1) "Trauma-informed approach", an approach that involves understanding and**
19 **responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across**
20 **the lifespan;**

21 **(2) "Trauma-informed school", a school that:**

22 **(a) Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for**
23 **recovery;**

24 **(b) Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, teachers, and staff;**

25 **(c) Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its policies,**
26 **procedures, and practices; and**

27 **(d) Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.**

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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