

HOUSE BILL NO. 844

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNN.

1005H.011

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 170.048, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Jason Flatt act.

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

Section A. Section 170.048, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.048, to read as follows:

170.048. 1. **This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt Act".**

2. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention, including plans for how the district will provide for the training and education of its district employees. **Each district shall develop the policy in consultation with school and community stakeholders, any mental health professionals employed by schools in the district, and suicide prevention experts.**

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

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

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

(3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

~~3.~~ 4. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model policy that districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input from organizations that have expertise in youth suicide awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least every three years thereafter, the department shall request information and seek feedback from districts, **school and community stakeholders, mental health professionals employed by schools, and suicide**

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 **prevention experts** on their experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and
19 prevention. The department shall review this information and may use it to adapt the
20 department's model policy. The department shall post any information on its website that it has
21 received from districts that it deems relevant. The department shall not post any confidential
22 information or any information that personally identifies any student or school employee.

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