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HOUSE BILL NO. 862

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIDD.

1456H.021

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 170.047, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to suicide prevention in schools.

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

Section A. Section 170.047, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.047, to read as follows:

170.047. 1. **This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt Act of 2017".**

2. Beginning in the ~~[2017-18]~~ **2018-19** school year **and continuing in subsequent school 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]~~ **the practicing teacher assistance programs established under section 168.400 shall offer and include at least two hours of in-service training provided by each local school district for all practicing teachers in such district regarding suicide prevention. Each school year, all teachers, principals, and licensed educators in each district shall attend such a training or complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide prevention materials. Attendance at the training shall count as two contact hours of professional development [hours required for state board of education certification] under section 168.021.**

~~[2-]~~ **3.** 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]~~ **may** develop materials that may be used for ~~[such]~~ **the** training ~~[or professional development]~~ **described under subsection 2 of this section or may offer districts materials developed by a third party that they may use for the training.**

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 ~~[3.]~~ 4. For purposes of this section, the term "licensed educator" shall refer to any
19 teacher with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any other
20 educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by the state board
21 of education.

22 ~~[4.]~~ 5. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and
23 regulations to implement this section.

24 ~~[5.]~~ 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
25 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
26 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
27 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
28 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and
29 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
30 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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