

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 852

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFAUTSCH.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

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Section A. Section 170.048, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.048, to read as follows: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

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

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           **4. Each district shall provide a written copy of its suicide awareness and prevention**  
19 **policy to every student enrolled in the district and his or her parent or legal guardian at**  
20 **the beginning of each school year. The district shall also make the written copy of the**  
21 **policy available in the office of the superintendent of the district for public inspection**  
22 **during normal business hours.**

23           **5. All school district employees shall annually receive instruction on the specific**  
24 **contents of their district's policy and on how to implement the provisions of the policy in**  
25 **the course of their duties.**

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