

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1470

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE APPELBAUM.

3954H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, 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Section A. Section 170.047, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.047, to read as follows: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/Avery Reine Cantor Act".**

2. (1) Beginning in the 2017-18 school year **and continuing until the end of the 2020-21 school year**, 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) **Beginning in the 2021-22 school year and continuing in subsequent school years, 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 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 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~~

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 ~~professional development]~~ **described under subsection 2 of this section or may offer districts**
19 **materials developed by a third party that they may use for the training.**

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

24 ~~[4-]~~ **5.** The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and
25 regulations to implement this section.

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

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