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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.39

105 ILCS 5/34-18.7

from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.7

Amends the School Code. Provides that school guidance counselors, teachers, school social workers, and other school personnel who work with pupils in grades 7 through 12 shall be trained to identify the warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior (instead of just suicidal behavior).

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 10-22.39 and 34-18.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.39)

7 Sec. 10-22.39. In-service training programs.

8 (a) To conduct in-service training programs for teachers.

9 (b) In addition to other topics at in-service training
10 programs, school guidance counselors, teachers, school social
11 workers, and other school personnel who work with pupils in
12 grades 7 through 12 shall be trained to identify the warning
13 signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in adolescents
14 and teens and shall be taught appropriate intervention and
15 referral techniques.

16 (c) School guidance counselors, nurses, teachers and other
17 school personnel who work with pupils may be trained to have a
18 basic knowledge of matters relating to acquired
19 immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), including the nature of the
20 disease, its causes and effects, the means of detecting it and
21 preventing its transmission, and the availability of
22 appropriate sources of counseling and referral, and any other
23 information that may be appropriate considering the age and

1 grade level of such pupils. The School Board shall supervise
2 such training. The State Board of Education and the Department
3 of Public Health shall jointly develop standards for such
4 training.

5 (d) In this subsection (d):

6 "Domestic violence" means abuse by a family or household
7 member, as "abuse" and "family or household members" are
8 defined in Section 103 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of
9 1986.

10 "Sexual violence" means sexual assault, abuse, or stalking
11 of an adult or minor child proscribed in the Criminal Code of
12 1961 in Sections 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40, 11-1.50, 11-1.60,
13 12-7.3, 12-7.4, 12-7.5, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15,
14 and 12-16, including sexual violence committed by perpetrators
15 who are strangers to the victim and sexual violence committed
16 by perpetrators who are known or related by blood or marriage
17 to the victim.

18 At least once every 2 years, an in-service training program
19 for school personnel who work with pupils, including, but not
20 limited to, school and school district administrators,
21 teachers, school guidance counselors, school social workers,
22 school counselors, school psychologists, and school nurses,
23 must be conducted by persons with expertise in domestic and
24 sexual violence and the needs of expectant and parenting youth
25 and shall include training concerning (i) communicating with
26 and listening to youth victims of domestic or sexual violence

1 and expectant and parenting youth, (ii) connecting youth
2 victims of domestic or sexual violence and expectant and
3 parenting youth to appropriate in-school services and other
4 agencies, programs, and services as needed, and (iii)
5 implementing the school district's policies, procedures, and
6 protocols with regard to such youth, including
7 confidentiality. At a minimum, school personnel must be trained
8 to understand, provide information and referrals, and address
9 issues pertaining to youth who are parents, expectant parents,
10 or victims of domestic or sexual violence.

11 (e) At least every 2 years, an in-service training program
12 for school personnel who work with pupils must be conducted by
13 persons with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and
14 management.

15 (f) At least once every 2 years, a school board shall
16 conduct in-service training on educator ethics,
17 teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct
18 for all personnel.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-558, eff. 8-30-07; 96-349, eff. 8-13-09;
20 96-431, eff. 8-13-09; 96-951, eff. 6-28-10; 96-1000, eff.
21 7-2-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.7) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.7)

23 Sec. 34-18.7. Adolescent and teen mental illness and
24 suicide detection and intervention. School guidance
25 counselors, teachers, school social workers, and other school

1 personnel who work with pupils in grades 7 through 12 shall be
2 trained to identify the warning signs of mental illness and
3 suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens and shall be taught
4 various intervention techniques. Such training shall be
5 provided within the framework of existing in-service training
6 programs offered by the Board or as part of the professional
7 development activities required under Section 21-14 of this
8 Code.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-951, eff. 6-28-10.)