

HB0577



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.166

Amends the School Code. Makes changes to provisions regarding youth suicide awareness and prevention. Sets forth some of the characteristics of students at an increased risk of suicide. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Section
5 2-3.166 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.166)

7 Sec. 2-3.166. Youth suicide awareness and prevention.

8 (a) This Section may be referred to as Ann Marie's Law.

9 (b) The State Board of Education shall do both of the
10 following:

11 (1) In consultation with a youth suicide prevention
12 organization operating in this State and organizations
13 representing school boards and school personnel, develop a
14 model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy that
15 is consistent with subsection (c) of this Section.

16 (2) Compile, develop, and post on its publicly
17 accessible Internet website both of the following, which
18 may include materials already publicly available:

19 (A) Recommended guidelines and educational
20 materials for training and professional development.

21 (B) Recommended resources and age-appropriate
22 educational materials on youth suicide awareness and
23 prevention.

1 (c) The model policy developed by the State Board of
2 Education under subsection (b) of this Section and any policy
3 adopted by a school board under subsection (d) of this Section
4 shall include all of the following:

5 (1) A statement on youth suicide awareness and
6 prevention.

7 (2) Protocols for administering youth suicide
8 awareness and prevention education to staff and students.

9 (3) Methods of prevention, including procedures for
10 early identification and referral of students at risk of
11 suicide.

12 (4) Methods of intervention, including procedures that
13 address an emotional or mental health safety plan for
14 students identified as being at increased risk of suicide,
15 including those students who:-

16 (A) suffer from a mental health disorder;

17 (B) suffer from a substance abuse disorder;

18 (C) engage in self-harm or have previously
19 attempted suicide;

20 (D) reside in an out-of-home placement;

21 (E) are experiencing homelessness;

22 (F) are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or
23 questioning (LGBTQ);

24 (G) are bereaved by suicide; or

25 (H) have a medical condition or certain types of
26 disabilities.

1 (5) Methods of responding to a student or staff
2 suicide or suicide attempt.

3 (6) Reporting procedures.

4 (7) Recommended resources on youth suicide awareness
5 and prevention programs, including current contact
6 information for such programs.

7 (d) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each school
8 board shall review and update its current suicide awareness
9 and prevention policy to be consistent with subsection (c) of
10 this Section or adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide
11 awareness and prevention policy consistent with subsection (c)
12 of this Section, inform each school district employee and the
13 parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the
14 school district of such policy, and post such policy on the
15 school district's publicly accessible Internet website. The
16 policy adopted by a school board under this subsection (d) may
17 be based upon the model policy developed by the State Board of
18 Education under subsection (b) of this Section.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-443, eff. 8-21-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.