



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB1793

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to (i) develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy; (ii) compile, develop, and post on its Internet website recommended guidelines and educational materials for professional educator training and recommended resources and age-appropriate educational materials on youth suicide awareness and prevention; and (iii) develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention curriculum and make such curriculum available to all school districts and, upon request, to nonpublic schools. Requires each school board to (i) adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide awareness and prevention policy and (ii) require 4 hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention every 5 years for professional educators in school buildings serving students in any of grades 6 through 12. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 adding Section
5 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Youth suicide awareness and prevention.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall do all of the
9 following:

10 (1) In consultation with a youth suicide prevention
11 organization operating in this State, develop a model youth
12 suicide awareness and prevention policy that is consistent
13 with subsection (b) of this Section.

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

17 (A) Recommended guidelines and educational
18 materials for the training required under subsection
19 (c) of this Section.

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

23 (3) Develop a model youth suicide awareness and

1 prevention curriculum and make such curriculum available
2 to all school districts and, upon request, to nonpublic
3 schools. A school district may incorporate such curriculum
4 into its existing instructional program pursuant to the
5 school district's youth suicide awareness and prevention
6 policy under subsection (c) of this Section.

7 (b) The model policy developed by the State Board of
8 Education under subsection (a) of this Section and any policy
9 adopted by a school board under subsection (c) of this Section
10 shall include all of the following:

11 (1) A statement on youth suicide awareness and
12 prevention.

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

15 (3) Methods of prevention, including procedures for
16 early identification and referral of students at risk of
17 suicide.

18 (4) Methods of intervention, including procedures that
19 address an emotional or mental health safety plan for
20 students identified as being at increased risk of suicide.

21 (5) Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide
22 or suicide attempt.

23 (6) Reporting procedures.

24 (7) Recommended resources on youth suicide awareness
25 and prevention programs, including current contact
26 information for such programs.

1 (c) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each school
2 board shall do both of the following:

3 (1) Adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide awareness
4 and prevention policy consistent with subsection (b) of
5 this Section, inform each school district employee and the
6 parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the
7 school district of such policy, and post such policy on the
8 school district's publicly accessible Internet website.

9 The policy adopted by a school board under this subdivision
10 (1) may be based upon the model policy developed by the
11 State Board of Education under subsection (a) of this
12 Section.

13 (2) Require 4 hours of training in youth suicide
14 awareness and prevention every 5 years for professional
15 educators in school buildings serving students in any of
16 grades 6 through 12. Training under this subdivision (2)
17 may be used to satisfy a professional educator's continuing
18 professional development requirements. A school district
19 may use the materials made available by the State Board of
20 Education under subsection (b) of this Section to conduct
21 such training.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.