

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) 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 is
15 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 (5) Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide
16 or suicide attempt.

17 (6) Reporting procedures.

18 (7) Recommended resources on youth suicide awareness
19 and prevention programs, including current contact
20 information for such programs.

21 (d) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each school
22 board shall review and update its current suicide awareness and
23 prevention policy to be consistent with subsection (c) of this
24 Section or adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide awareness and
25 prevention policy consistent with subsection (c) of this
26 Section, inform each school district employee and the parent or

1 legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school district
2 of such policy, and post such policy on the school district's
3 publicly accessible Internet website. The policy adopted by a
4 school board under this subsection (d) may be based upon the
5 model policy developed by the State Board of Education under
6 subsection (b) of this Section.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.