

HB 586 -- Continuing Professional Education Curriculum on Eating Disorders

Sponsor: Stream

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health to develop a continuing professional education curriculum on eating disorders by December 31, 2011. The department will work with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Eating Disorder Council to develop a curriculum that covers recognition of individuals at risk, how to circulate information effectively about the seriousness of the disorder, counseling and treatment resources that are available, educational and informational materials for students and their families, and healthy body image and positive self-esteem. A school district may adopt the curriculum for personnel responsible for students in sixth through twelfth grade, including school nurses, health care professionals, psychologists, counselors, and athletic coaches.