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HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school policies on issues related to suicide.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.625, to read as follows:

2 **167.625. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt Act".**

2 **2. In school year 2017-18 and subsequent years, each school board in the state shall**
3 **require all public school teachers of the district to complete annual training in suicide**
4 **awareness and prevention. Such annual training shall occur through in-service training**
5 **programs offered by the department of elementary and secondary education or through**
6 **professional development programs offered by the school district.**

7 **3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a list of**
8 **approved training materials to fulfill the training requirement under subsection 2 of this**
9 **section. Such list may include training materials currently being used by a school district**
10 **if such training materials meet any criteria established by the department of elementary**
11 **and secondary education.**

12 **4. The approved training materials described in subsection 3 of this section shall**
13 **include training on how to identify appropriate mental health services, both within the**
14 **school and within the larger community, and when and how to refer youth and their**
15 **families to those services.**

16 **5. The training required under subsection 2 of this section may be completed**
17 **through self-review of approved training materials described in subsection 3 of this section.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **6. Each school district shall adopt a policy on student suicide prevention. Such**
19 **policies shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, mental**
20 **health professionals employed by schools, and suicide prevention experts. Such policies**
21 **shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and**
22 **postvention. For purposes of this subsection, "postvention" means an intervention**
23 **conducted after a suicide.**

24 **7. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model**
25 **policy on student suicide prevention that districts may adopt.**

26 **8. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act**
27 **or omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this section or resulting**
28 **from any training, or lack thereof, required by this section.**

29 **9. The training, or lack thereof, required by this section shall not be construed to**
30 **impose any specific duty of care.**

31 **10. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules**
32 **to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is**
33 **defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
34 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
35 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and**
36 **if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,**
37 **to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
38 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
39 **after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.**

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