

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Berman offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Mental health first aid training program.—

8 (1) The Department of Children and Families shall
9 establish a mental health first aid training program to help the
10 public identify and understand the signs of mental illness and
11 substance use disorders and provide the public with skills to
12 help a person who is developing or experiencing a mental health
13 or substance use problem.

14 (2) The department shall use a competitive procurement
15 process to select a statewide association for mental health or
16 substance abuse awareness or treatment to develop, implement,
17 and manage the program.

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18 (3) The training program shall include, but is not limited
19 to:

20 (a) An overview of mental illnesses and substance use
21 disorders and the need to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

22 (b) Information on the potential risk factors and warning
23 signs of mental illness or substance use disorders, including
24 but not limited to depression, anxiety, psychosis, eating
25 disorders, and self-injury, and common treatments for those
26 conditions.

27 (c) An action plan that encompasses the skills, resources,
28 and knowledge required to assess the situation, select and
29 implement appropriate interventions, and help an individual with
30 appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care.

31 (4) The contractor shall administer the program in a way
32 that maximizes the availability of mental health first aid
33 training throughout the state, which may include, but is not
34 limited to, contracting with trained instructors or training
35 additional instructors. However, the contractor shall ensure
36 that all instructors in the training program have a current
37 certification by a national authority on mental health first aid
38 programs.

39 (5) The contractor shall prioritize training to staff in
40 educational institutions, including all components of the K-20
41 education system as defined in section 1000.04, private schools
42 as defined in section 1002.42, and colleges and universities as
43 defined in section 1005.02. After staff in educational

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44 institutions, the contractor shall prioritize training to first
45 responders. The contractor may provide training to additional
46 individuals.

47 (6) The department shall submit a report on the
48 implementation and effectiveness of the mental health first aid
49 training program provided pursuant to this act. The report
50 shall describe the implementation of this program and include,
51 but not be limited to, the number of individuals trained by
52 geographic area, their employment or affiliation, the impact of
53 the training, and recommendations regarding continued
54 implementation of the program. The report shall be submitted to
55 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
56 the House of Representatives by February 1, 2017.

57 (7) This section expires June 30, 2017.

58 Section 2. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the sum of \$300,000
59 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Federal Grants
60 Trust Fund to the Department of Children and Families to
61 implement the provisions of this act

62 Section 3. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
63 Government Accountability shall conduct a study on mental health
64 training programs in the state which help the public identify
65 and understand the signs of mental illness and substance use
66 disorders and provide the public with skills to help a person
67 who is developing or experiencing a mental health or substance
68 use problem. The study shall identify major providers of such
69 mental health training programs, the cost of such programs to

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70 recipients, the availability of such programs by the general
71 public and specified groups including employees of educational
72 institutions, which comprises all components of the K-20
73 education system as defined in section 1000.04, private schools
74 as defined in section 1002.42, and colleges and universities as
75 defined in section 1005.02,, first responders, and other
76 personnel who are likely to have contact with individuals with
77 mental health and substance abuse disorders who are in need of
78 assistance. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
79 Accountability shall survey organizations including, but not
80 limited to, managing entities and not-for-profit organizations
81 providing mental health training in conducting its research. All
82 state agencies and contractors receiving state funds shall
83 comply with each request for data and information from the
84 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.
85 The study shall include recommendations for enhancing
86 availability of such mental health training programs in the
87 state. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
88 Accountability shall report its findings to the President of the
89 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
90 February 1, 2015.

91 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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Bill No. CS/CS/HB 159 (2014)

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96 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
97 An act relating to the establishment of a mental health first
98 aid training program; requiring the Department of Children and
99 Families to establish a mental health first aid training
100 program; providing for a mental health first aid course to be
101 offered by behavioral health managing entities or other
102 community providers; providing course requirements; requiring
103 instructors to be certified; requiring the department to submit
104 a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing for
105 expiration of the program; providing an appropriation; providing
106 an effective date.