

By Senator Benacquisto

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to youth suicide awareness and  
3 prevention; creating s. 1012.583, F.S.; requiring the  
4 Department of Education to incorporate training in  
5 youth suicide awareness and prevention into certain  
6 instructional personnel continuing education or  
7 inservice training requirements; requiring the  
8 department, in consultation with the Statewide Office  
9 for Suicide Prevention and suicide prevention experts,  
10 to develop a list of approved materials for the  
11 training; specifying requirements for training  
12 materials; requiring the training to be included in  
13 the existing continuing education or inservice  
14 training requirements; providing that no cause of  
15 action results from the implementation of this act;  
16 providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.  
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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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20 Section 1. Section 1012.583, Florida Statutes, is created  
21 to read:

22 1012.583 Continuing education and inservice training for  
23 youth suicide awareness and prevention.—

24 (1) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the  
25 Department of Education shall incorporate 2 hours of training in  
26 youth suicide awareness and prevention into existing  
27 requirements for continuing education or inservice training for  
28 instructional personnel in elementary school, middle school, and  
29 high school.

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30       (2) The department, in consultation with the Statewide  
31 Office for Suicide Prevention and suicide prevention experts,  
32 shall develop a list of approved youth suicide awareness and  
33 prevention training materials. The materials:

34       (a) Must include training on how to identify appropriate  
35 mental health services and how to refer youth and their families  
36 to those services.

37       (b) May include materials currently being used by a school  
38 district if such materials meet any criteria established by the  
39 department.

40       (c) May include programs that instructional personnel can  
41 complete through a self-review of approved youth suicide  
42 awareness and prevention materials.

43       (3) The training required by this section must be included  
44 in the existing continuing education or inservice training  
45 requirements for instructional personnel and may not add to the  
46 total hours currently required by the department.

47       (4) A person has no cause of action for any loss or damage  
48 caused by an act or omission resulting from the implementation  
49 of this section or resulting from any training required by this  
50 section unless the loss or damage was caused by willful or  
51 wanton misconduct. This section does not create any new duty of  
52 care or basis of liability.

53       (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
54 implement this section.

55       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.