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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 646

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, February 4, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to youth suicide awareness and prevention education.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 170.047 and 170.048, to read as follows:

170.047. 1. Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, any licensed educator may annually complete up to two hours of training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of the professional development hours required for state board of education certification.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines suitable for training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention. The department shall develop materials that may be used for such training or professional development.

3. For purposes of this section, the term "licensed educator" shall refer to any teacher with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any other educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by the state board of education.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.

5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of

21 the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
22 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
23 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
24 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
25 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
26 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall
27 be invalid and void.

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for
2 youth suicide awareness and prevention, including plans for how the
3 district will provide for the training and education of its district
4 employees.

5 2. Each district's policy shall include, but not be limited to the
6 following:

7 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are at possible
8 risk of suicide;

9 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at possible risk
10 of suicide; and

11 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

12 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary
13 education shall develop a model policy that districts may adopt. When
14 developing the model policy, the department shall cooperate, consult
15 with, and seek input from organizations that have expertise in youth
16 suicide awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least every
17 three years thereafter, the department shall request information and
18 seek feedback from districts on their experience with the policy for
19 youth suicide awareness and prevention. The department shall review
20 this information and may use it to adapt the department's model
21 policy. The department shall post any information on its website that
22 it has received from districts that it deems relevant. The department
23 shall not post any confidential information or any information that
24 personally identifies any student or school employee.

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