

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1559

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2110

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "thereto,"
2 in terms and courses of study,

3 Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by striking out "training" and
4 inserting
5 education

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 16, by striking out all
7 of lines 13 through 15 and "include" in line 16 and inserting

8 Education.--(a) Within ninety (90) days of the effective
9 date of this section, school entities shall adopt a youth
10 suicide awareness and prevention policy. The policy shall be
11 established in conjunction with a youth suicide prevention
12 organization operating in this Commonwealth. The policy shall
13 include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) A statement on youth suicide prevention and awareness
15 and the protocols for administering youth suicide prevention
16 education.

17 (2) Methods of prevention, including protocols for early
18 identification and referral of students at risk of suicide.

19 (3) Methods of intervention, including protocols that
20 address an emotional or mental health safety plan for students
21 identified as being at increased risk of suicide.

22 (4) Methods of postvention, including protocols for
23 responding to a student or staff suicide or suicide attempt.

24 (5) Reporting procedures.

25 (6) Current contact information for and resources available
26 on suicide awareness and prevention programs.

27 (b) A school entity:

28 (1) Shall inform all school entity employes of the policy
29 and make available to them youth suicide awareness and
30 prevention education, materials and resources based on the
31 policy.

32 (2) Shall, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, submit
33 the professional development plan to the secretary for approval
34 pursuant to section 1205.1 that includes

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 6 through 15, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting

3 (3) May provide youth suicide awareness and prevention
4 education to other staff, including contractors and nonteaching
5 staff.

6 (4) Shall incorporate youth suicide awareness and prevention
7 education that is based on the policy and is age appropriate
8 into the curriculum. A school entity may utilize the youth
9 suicide awareness and prevention education, materials and
10 resources from a list of approved resources maintained by the
11 Department of Education.

12 (c) The Department of Education shall maintain a list of
13 approved resources and training materials and age-appropriate
14 youth suicide awareness and prevention education, materials and
15 resources as provided in subsection (b) on its publicly
16 accessible Internet website. The Department of Education shall
17 work in conjunction with a youth suicide prevention organization
18 operating in this Commonwealth to determine which materials and
19 resources are most appropriate.

20 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "(c)" and
21 inserting

22 (d)