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SENATE BILL 1212-SENATOR WOZNIAK

SYNOPSIS:

Creates a child opioid awareness and education program in public schools.

SUMMARY:

Amends the Public School Code to create a child opioid awareness and education program in public schools.

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, requires that each school entity shall develop an age-appropriate child opioid awareness and education program and incorporate the program into the school's existing curriculum for students in grades six through twelve. Also requires each school entity to include training in child opioid awareness in the professional development plan. Requires each school entity to provide specific professional development training every five years for professional educators assigned to teach opioid awareness education.

Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and at least one organization addressing child opioid awareness and education, to:

Develop a model curriculum and make it available to all public schools and, upon request, to all nonpublic schools.

Compile and publish all guidelines and educational materials for training.

Effective Date: 60 days.

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