

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2149**

Introduced by

Senators Heckaman, Grabinger, Robinson

Representatives Devlin, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to behavioral health resource coordinators.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-07-34. ~~Provision of youth~~ Youth behavioral health training to teachers,
7 administrators, and ancillary staff.**

8 1. Every two years, each school district shall provide a minimum of eight hours of
9 professional development on youth behavioral health to elementary, middle, and high
10 school teachers, and administrators. Each school district shall encourage ancillary and
11 support staff to participate in the professional development. Based on the annual
12 needs assessment of the school district, these hours must be designated from the
13 following categories:

- 14 a. Trauma;
- 15 b. Social and emotional learning, including resiliency;
- 16 c. Suicide prevention;
- 17 d. Bullying;
- 18 e. Understanding of the prevalence and impact of youth behavioral health wellness
19 on family structure, education, juvenile services, law enforcement, and health
20 care and treatment providers;
- 21 f. Knowledge of behavioral health symptoms, and risks;
- 22 g. Awareness of referral sources and evidence-based strategies for appropriate
23 interventions; or
- 24 h. Other evidence-based strategies to reduce risk factors for students.

- 1 2. Each school district shall report the professional development hours required under
2 subsection 1 to the department of public instruction.
- 3 3. Each school within a district shall designate an individual as a behavioral health
4 resource coordinator.
- 5 4. The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with regional education
6 associations to disseminate information, training and instructional materials, and
7 notice of training opportunities to school districts and nonpublic schools.
- 8 5. The superintendent of public instruction shall maintain the contact information of the
9 behavioral health resource coordinator in each school.