

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish certain suicide awareness and prevention training requirements for certain school employees based on the Jason Flatt Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 13-42 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to include a minimum of one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training as a requirement that an applicant must meet in order to be issued an initial certificate and a renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator, or other educational professional. The board shall, after consultation with suicide prevention or counseling experts, identify evidence-based resources that will fulfill the suicide awareness and prevention training requirement and shall make the list of the resources available to school districts. The training required may be accomplished through self-review of suicide prevention materials that meet the guidelines developed by the board. The requirement for suicide awareness and prevention training for initial certification or to renew a certificate begins after July 1, 2017.

Section 2. That chapter 13-42 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

There is no cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of section 1 of this Act or resulting from any training, or lack of training, required by section 1 of this Act unless the loss or damage was caused by willful or wanton misconduct. The training, or lack of training, required by the provisions of this Act may not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 129

Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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