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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to require training on suicide
- 2 awareness and prevention as prescribed; and to provide
- 3 duties for the State Department of Education.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Beginning in school year 2014-15, all
2 public school nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists,
3 administrators, and any other appropriate personnel shall receive at
4 least one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each
5 year. This training shall be provided within the framework of
6 existing in-service training programs offered by the State Department
7 of Education or as part of required professional development
8 activities.

9 (2) The department, in consultation with organizations
10 including, but not limited to, the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention
11 Coalition, the Nebraska chapter of the American Foundation for
12 Suicide Prevention, the Behavioral Health Education Center of
13 Nebraska, and other organizations and professionals with expertise in
14 suicide prevention, shall develop a list of approved training
15 materials to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1) of this
16 section. Such materials shall include training on how to identify
17 appropriate mental health services, both within the school and also
18 within the larger community, and when and how to refer youth and
19 their families to those services. Such materials may include programs
20 that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide
21 prevention materials.

22 (3) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss
23 or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the
24 implementation of the provisions of this section or resulting from
25 any training, or lack thereof, required by this section. The training

1 required by the provisions of this section, or lack thereof, shall
2 not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

3 (4) The department may adopt rules and regulations to
4 carry out this section.