



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Anielski, Schuring, West

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires certain public school employees to undergo training in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs annually.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Youth suicide awareness and prevention training

The bill requires that public school employees,¹ including those working as nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists, administrators, and any other personnel that the district school board determines appropriate, must attend youth suicide awareness and prevention programs annually, as a part of in-service training.² Current law already requires that public schools incorporate training in youth suicide awareness and prevention in in-service training, but does not specify frequency.

Under current law, school employees must attend at least four hours of in-service training in the prevention of child abuse, substance abuse, violence, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and the promotion of positive youth development, in addition to youth suicide and prevention programs, every five years after their initial two years of employment with the district or center.³ It is not clear if the annual training in suicide awareness and prevention programs is in addition to or a part of the required four hours of training.

¹ R.C. 3319.073(D), in the bill, and 3314.03(A)(11)(d) and 3326.11, neither in the bill.

² R.C. 3319.073(D).

³ R.C. 3319.073.

HISTORY

ACTION

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