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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to continuing education or inservice
3 training for public school personnel; creating s.
4 1012.583, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of
5 Education to develop recommendations to incorporate
6 instruction in suicide prevention into continuing
7 education or inservice training requirements;
8 requiring the Department of Education to incorporate
9 the recommendations into existing requirements;
10 authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt
11 rules; providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Section 1012.583, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 1012.583 Continuing education or inservice training in
18 suicide prevention.—

19 (1) The Legislature recognizes the importance of educating
20 public school personnel in the prevention of youth suicide and
21 providing public school personnel with access to suicide
22 prevention educational resources.

23 (2) The Commissioner of Education shall develop
24 recommendations to incorporate instruction in suicide prevention
25 into continuing education or inservice training requirements for
26 instructional and administrative personnel. These
27 recommendations shall include, but are not limited to,
28 instruction regarding the use of available state and local

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29 educational resources that promote awareness about, and
30 prevention of, youth suicide.

31 (3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the
32 Department of Education shall incorporate the recommendations of
33 the commissioner into existing requirements for the continuing
34 education or inservice training of instructional and
35 administrative personnel. The requirements of this section may
36 not add to the total hours required for continuing education or
37 inservice training as currently established by the department.

38 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules pursuant
39 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.