

By Senator Oelrich

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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  
29 educational resources that promote awareness about, and

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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.