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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1562**

Introduced by

Representatives Osowski, Hauck, Heilman, Maki, Morton

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to training for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect; and to repeal  
3 section 15.1-19-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to training for mandated  
4 reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-07-34. Youth behavioral health and child abuse and neglect training for**  
9 **teachers, administrators, and ancillary staff.**

10 1. Every two years, ~~each~~a school district may provide a minimum of eight hours of  
11 professional development on youth behavioral health, child abuse, and child neglect to  
12 elementary, middle, and high school teachers; and administrators. ~~Each~~A school  
13 district may encourage ancillary and support staff to participate in the professional  
14 development. Based on the annual needs assessment of the school district, these  
15 hours may be designated from the following categories:

- 16 a. Trauma;  
17 b. Social and emotional learning, including resiliency;  
18 c. Suicide prevention;  
19 d. Bullying;

- 1 e. Understanding of the prevalence and impact of youth behavioral health wellness
- 2 on family structure, education, juvenile services, law enforcement, and health
- 3 care and treatment providers;
- 4 f. Knowledge of behavioral health symptoms; and risks;
- 5 g. Awareness of referral sources and evidence-based strategies for appropriate
- 6 interventions;
- 7 h. Child protective services;
- 8 i. Other evidence-based strategies to reduce risk factors for students; or
- 9 i.j. Current or new evidence-based behavior prevention or mitigation techniques.

10 2. Each school within a district shall designate an individual as a behavioral health  
11 resource coordinator.

12 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with regional education  
13 associations to disseminate information, training and instructional materials, and  
14 notice of training opportunities to school districts and nonpublic schools. ~~This~~The  
15 training must qualify for continuing education credits that count toward license  
16 renewal.

17 4. The superintendent of public instruction shall maintain the contact information of the  
18 behavioral health resource coordinator in each school.

19 5. Before initial licensure, a public or nonpublic school teacher, administrator, librarian,  
20 and counselor shall submit documentation to the education standards and practices  
21 board verifying completion of a mandated reporter training program for suspected child  
22 abuse or neglect. The department of health and human services shall develop and  
23 provide an online interactive training module that may be used by a college of teacher  
24 education, an individual educator, and an educational institution to fulfill the training  
25 requirement. A college, school, and regional education association may offer a  
26 mandated reporter training program that satisfy the requirements outlined in this  
27 section for subsequent trainings at the district level.

28 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-19-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.