

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a review of North Dakota health education content standards-~~  
2 ~~and curriculum; and to provide for a legislative management report.~~for an Act to amend and  
3 reenact subsection 28 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
4 behavioral health resources for schools; and to provide an expiration date.

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW OF HEALTH EDUCATION CONTENTS~~  
7 ~~STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM – REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.~~ During the  
8 2021-22 interim, the superintendent of public instruction shall review the North Dakota health  
9 education content standards and curriculum for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade  
10 twelve to ensure the age-appropriate content standards and curriculum are current and reflect  
11 best practices, including a review of mental health awareness and suicide prevention with a  
12 focus on identifiable warning signs and risk factors, and identifying at-risk peers. Before July 1,  
13 2022, the superintendent of public instruction shall report the findings and recommendations of  
14 the review to the legislative management.

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 28 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota  
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 28. To provide resources on mental health awareness and suicide prevention to the  
18 behavioral health resource coordinator at each public school and to the designated  
19 individual at a nonpublic school. The resources must include information on identifying  
20 warning signs, risk factors, and the availability of resources in the community, and also  
21 must include an evidence-based, online virtual mental health and suicide prevention  
22 simulation-based training program that incorporates hands-on practice, contextual  
23 learning, and personalized feedback through interactive role-playing. The provisions of

1 chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the online virtual mental health and suicide prevention  
2 simulation-based training program under this subsection.

3 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2025, and after that  
4 date is ineffective.