

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to youth suicide prevention.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Youth suicide prevention - Training.**

7 ~~1. Each school district shall include, in professional development activities for middle-~~
8 ~~school and high school teachers and administrators, training and information regarding~~
9 ~~youth suicide prevention.~~

10 ~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop guidelines for training and shall~~
11 ~~make self-study materials available to districts at no charge.~~

12 1. Annually, each school district may provide to middle school and high school teachers
13 and administrators at least two hours of professional development relating to youth
14 suicide risk indicators, appropriate staff responses, and referral sources.

15 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with the state department of
16 health to obtain and disseminate information and training materials to school districts
17 and nonpublic schools, free of charge.