

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 to elementary, middle, and high
12 school teachers; and administrators. ~~Each~~A school district may encourage ancillary
13 and support staff to participate in the professional development. Based on the annual
14 needs assessment of the school district, these hours may be designated from the
15 following categories:

- 16 a. Trauma;
17 b. Social and emotional learning, including resiliency;
18 c. Suicide prevention;
19 d. Bullying;
20 e. Understanding of the prevalence and impact of youth behavioral health wellness
21 on family structure, education, juvenile services, law enforcement, and health
22 care and treatment providers;
23 f. Knowledge of behavioral health symptoms; and risks;

1 g. Awareness of referral sources and evidence-based strategies for appropriate
2 interventions;

3 h. Other evidence-based strategies to reduce risk factors for students; or

4 i. Current or new evidence-based behavior prevention or mitigation techniques.

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

7 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with regional education
8 associations to disseminate information, training and instructional materials, and
9 notice of training opportunities to school districts and nonpublic schools. ~~This~~The
10 training must qualify for continuing education credits that count toward license
11 renewal.

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

14 5. Before initial licensure and each subsequent renewal of licensure, a public or
15 nonpublic school teacher, administrator, and counselor shall complete the online
16 interactive training module provided by the department of health and human services
17 for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect and provide
18 documentation of the completed training to the education standards and practices
19 board. The training must qualify for continuing education credits that count toward
20 license renewal.

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 REPEAL.** Section 15.1-19-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.