



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1020

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education

1 **An Act to revise the method by which completion of a required suicide awareness**
2 **and prevention training is verified.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 13-42-71 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-42-71.** ~~The South Dakota Board of Education Standards shall promulgate rules,~~
6 ~~pursuant to chapter 1-26, to include a minimum of one hour of suicide awareness and~~
7 ~~prevention training as a requirement that an applicant must meet in order to be issued an~~
8 ~~initial certificate and a renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator, or other educational~~
9 ~~professional.~~ Prior to beginning employment at a school district or department-accredited
10 school and every five years thereafter, an individual certified pursuant to this chapter and
11 employed by a school district or department-accredited school must complete an approved
12 youth suicide awareness and prevention training that is at least one hour in duration and
13 shall submit a certificate showing completion of the approved training to the school district
14 or department-accredited school where the individual is employed. The school district or
15 department-accredited school shall retain the certificates submitted as a part of the
16 documentation necessary to earn or maintain state accreditation.

17 ~~The board~~ South Dakota Board of Education Standards shall, after consultation
18 consult ~~with suicide prevention or counseling experts,~~ to identify evidence-based
19 resources that will fulfill the youth suicide awareness and prevention training requirement
20 required by this section and shall make the list of the resources approved trainings
21 available to school districts. The and department-accredited schools. An individual may
22 complete a required training required may be accomplished through a self-review of youth
23 suicide prevention materials that meet the guidelines developed are approved by the
24 board. The requirement for suicide awareness and prevention training for initial
25 certification or to renew a certificate begins after July 1, 2017, provided that the training
26 issues a certificate of completion that contains:

- 1 (1) The name of the training completed;
- 2 (2) The name of the individual who completed the training;
- 3 (3) The length of the training completed; and
- 4 (4) The date on which the training was completed.