



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 623

SENATE BILL NO. 1992

By Roberts, Harper, Gardenhire, Gresham

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2071

By Littleton, Moody, Hardaway, Powell, Windle, Stewart, Love, Fitzhugh, Gilmore, Favors

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 49, relative to suicide prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding SECTIONS 2 through 4 as a new part.

SECTION 2. All employees of each LEA shall attend the annual in-service training in suicide prevention required to be provided to teachers and principals in accordance with § 49-6-3004(c)(1) or other equivalent training.

SECTION 3. (a) Each LEA shall adopt a policy on student suicide prevention. The policies shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts, and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

(b) To assist LEAs in developing policies for student suicide prevention, the department of education shall establish a model policy in consultation with the office of crisis services and suicide prevention of the department of mental health and substance abuse services and the department of health. An LEA may develop its own policy or adopt the model policy.

SECTION 4. (a) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of this part or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by this part.

(b) The training required by this part, or the lack thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 7, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR