

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHHEIT-COURTWAY.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 170.307, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to mental health awareness in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 170.307, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.307, to read as follows:

170.307. 1. For school year 2022-23 and each school year thereafter, upon graduation from high school, pupils in public schools and charter schools shall have received mental health awareness training given any time during a pupil's four years of high school.

2. Beginning in school year 2022-23, any public school or charter school serving grades nine through twelve shall provide enrolled students instruction in mental health awareness. Students with disabilities may participate to the extent appropriate as determined by the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Instruction shall be included in the district's existing health or physical education curriculum. Instruction shall be based on a program established by the department of elementary and secondary education.

3. (1) This subsection shall be known and may be cited as "Brennan's Law".

(2) For the 2023-24 school year and each subsequent school year, before entering grade nine, each pupil in public schools shall have received mental health awareness training given any time while such pupil is in grade five to grade eight.

(3) For the 2023-24 school year and each subsequent school year, any public school serving grades five to eight shall provide enrolled students with age-appropriate instruction in mental health awareness. Students with disabilities may participate to the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

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19 **Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Instruction shall be**
20 **included in the district's existing health or physical education curriculum. Instruction**
21 **shall be based on a program established by the department of elementary and secondary**
22 **education.**

23 ~~[3-]~~ 4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules
24 to develop a model curriculum to be used by school districts to provide the instruction
25 required by this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
26 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
27 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
28 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
29 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
30 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant
31 of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be
32 invalid and void.

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