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AN ACT

To repeal sections 170.047, 170.048, and 173.1200, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to suicide prevention.

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

Section A. Sections 170.047, 170.048, and 173.1200, RSMo, are repealed and three
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 170.047, 170.048, and
3 173.1200, to read as follows:

170.047. 1. **This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt/
2 Avery Reine Cantor Act".**

3 **2. (1)** Beginning in the 2017-18 school year **and continuing until the end of the**
4 **2022-23 school year**, any licensed educator may annually complete up to two hours of
5 training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of the
6 professional development hours required for state board of education certification.

7 **(2)** Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and continuing in subsequent school
8 years, the practicing teacher assistance programs established under section 168.400 may
9 offer and include at least two hours of in-service training provided by each local school
10 district for all practicing teachers in such district regarding suicide prevention. Each
11 school year, all teachers, principals, and licensed educators in each district may attend
12 such training or complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide
13 prevention materials. Attendance at the training shall count as two contact hours of
14 professional development under section 168.021 and shall count as two hours of any
15 other such training required under this section.

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.

16 ~~[2-]~~ **3.** The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop
17 guidelines suitable for training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and
18 prevention. The department ~~[shall]~~ **may** develop materials that may be used for ~~[such]~~ **the**
19 training ~~[or professional development]~~ **described under subsection 2 of this section or may**
20 **offer districts materials developed by a third party that districts may use for the**
21 **training.**

22 ~~[3-]~~ **4.** For purposes of this section, the term "licensed educator" shall refer to any
23 teacher with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any other
24 educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by the state board
25 of education.

26 ~~[4-]~~ **5.** The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules
27 and regulations to implement this section.

28 ~~[5-]~~ **6.** Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
29 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
30 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
31 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
32 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
33 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
34 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid
35 and void.

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide
2 awareness and prevention, including plans for how the district will provide for the training
3 and education of its district employees.

4 2. Each district's policy shall address and include, but not be limited to, the following:
5 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are at possible risk of suicide;
6 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at possible risk of suicide; and
7 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

8 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary education shall
9 develop a model policy that districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the
10 department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input from organizations that have
11 expertise in youth suicide awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least every three
12 years thereafter, the department shall request information and seek feedback from districts on
13 their experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention. The department
14 shall review this information and may use it to adapt the department's model policy. The
15 department shall post any information on its website that it has received from districts that it
16 deems relevant. The department shall not post any confidential information or any
17 information that personally identifies any student or school employee.

18 **4. (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, a public school or charter school that serves any**
19 **pupils in seventh grade to twelfth grade and that issues pupil identification cards shall**
20 **have printed on either side of the cards the telephone number described in paragraph**
21 **(a) of this subdivision and may have printed on either side of the cards the telephone**
22 **numbers described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision:**

23 **(a) The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-**
24 **273-8255;**

25 **(b) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741;**
26 **and**

27 **(c) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number if available.**

28 **(2) If, on July 1, 2023, a public school or charter school subject to the**
29 **requirements of this subsection has a supply of unissued pupil identification cards that**
30 **do not comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the school**
31 **shall issue those cards until that supply is depleted.**

32 **(3) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to a pupil identification card**
33 **issued for the first time to a pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost card.**

173.1200. 1. Each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement
2 a policy to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs available on and off
3 campus that includes, but is not limited to:

4 (1) Crisis intervention access, which includes information for national, state, and
5 local suicide prevention hotlines;

6 (2) Mental health program access, which provides information on the availability of
7 local mental health clinics, student health services, and counseling services;

8 (3) Multimedia application access, which includes crisis hotline contact information,
9 suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free-of-cost applications;

10 (4) Student communication plans, which consist of creating outreach plans regarding
11 educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention; and

12 (5) Post intervention plans, which include creating a strategic plan to communicate
13 effectively with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a student to suicide.

14 2. Such policy shall also advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall
15 staff, of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting
16 suicidal tendencies or behavior, and shall provide for training, where appropriate.

17 3. Each public institution of higher education shall provide all incoming students with
18 information about depression and suicide prevention resources available to students. The
19 information provided to students shall include available mental health services and other
20 support services, including student-run organizations for individuals at risk of or affected by
21 suicide.

22 4. The information prescribed by subdivisions (1) through (4) of subsection 1 of this
23 section shall be posted on the website of each institution of higher education in this state.

24 5. Any applicable free-of-cost prevention materials or programs shall be posted on the
25 websites of the public institutions of higher education and the department of higher education
26 and workforce development.

27 6. (1) Each public institution of higher education shall establish and maintain
28 methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent,
29 or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities.

30 (2) Such methods shall ensure that the identity of the reporting party remains
31 unknown to all persons and entities, including law enforcement officers and employees or
32 other persons, except when criminal, civil, or administrative action is initiated regarding
33 unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such
34 activities.

35 **7. (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, a public institution of higher education that issues**
36 **student identification cards shall have printed on either side of the cards the telephone**
37 **number described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision and may have printed on either**
38 **side of the cards the telephone numbers described in paragraphs (b) to (d) of this**
39 **subdivision:**

40 (a) **The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-**
41 **273-8255;**

42 (b) **The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741;**

43 (c) **The campus police or security telephone number or, if the campus does not**
44 **have a campus police or security telephone number, the local law enforcement**
45 **authority's telephone number; and**

46 (d) **A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number if available.**

47 (2) **If, on July 1, 2023, a public institution of higher education subject to the**
48 **requirements of this subsection has a supply of unissued student identification cards**
49 **that do not comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the**
50 **institution shall issue those cards until that supply is depleted.**

51 (3) **Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to a student identification card**
52 **issued for the first time to a student and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost**
53 **card.**

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