

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a review of North Dakota health education content standards-~~
 2 ~~and curriculum; and to provide for a legislative management report.~~for an Act to amend and
 3 reenact subsection 28 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
 4 behavioral health resources for schools; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an
 5 emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

7 ~~—SECTION 1. SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW OF HEALTH EDUCATION CONTENTS-~~
 8 ~~STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM--REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.~~ During the
 9 2021-22 interim, the superintendent of public instruction shall review the North Dakota health
 10 education content standards and curriculum for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade
 11 twelve to ensure the age-appropriate content standards and curriculum are current and reflect
 12 best practices, including a review of mental health awareness and suicide prevention with a
 13 focus on identifiable warning signs and risk factors, and identifying at risk peers. Before July 1,
 14 2022, the superintendent of public instruction shall report the findings and recommendations of
 15 the review to the legislative management.

16 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 28 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota
 17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 18 28. To provide resources on mental health awareness and suicide prevention to the
 19 behavioral health resource coordinator at each public school and to the designated
 20 individual at a nonpublic school. The resources must include information on identifying
 21 warning signs, risk factors, and the availability of resources in the community, and also
 22 must include an evidence-based, online virtual mental health and suicide prevention
 23 simulation-based training program that incorporates hands-on practice, contextual
 24 learning, and personalized feedback through interactive role-playing. The provisions of

1 chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the online virtual mental health and suicide prevention
2 simulation-based training program under this subsection.

3 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2025, and after that
4 date is ineffective.

5 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.