

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 41**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1526b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 1526b. (1) Not later than 1 year after the effective date**  
2 **of the amendatory act that added this section, the department, in**  
3 **conjunction with the department of health and human services and**  
4 **state associations representing mental health professionals,**  
5 **including, but not limited to, school mental health professionals,**  
6 **shall develop or adopt professional development standards for**  
7 **professional development for teachers on mental health first aid.**

8           **(2) The professional development standards developed or**  
9 **adopted under subsection (1) must include coverage of at least both**



1 of the following:

2 (a) The identification of potential risk factors and warning  
3 signs for mental illnesses, including, but not limited to,  
4 depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance  
5 use disorders, and self-injury.

6 (b) Strategies for helping an individual experiencing a mental  
7 health crisis, including, but not limited to, assessing risk,  
8 listening respectfully, supporting the individual, and identifying  
9 professional help and other resources for the individual.

10 (3) Professional development for teachers on mental health  
11 first aid that meets the standards developed or adopted under  
12 subsection (1) may be counted toward the professional development  
13 required under section 1527(1).

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
15 after the date it is enacted into law.

