

# SENATE BILL NO. 614

October 30, 2019, Introduced by Senator LUCIDO and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1171 (MCL 380.1171), as added by 2006 PA 324.

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

1           Sec. 1171. (1) The board of a school district or board of  
2 directors of a public school academy ~~is encouraged to~~ **shall** provide  
3 age-appropriate instruction for pupils and professional development  
4 for school personnel concerning the warning signs and risk factors

1 for suicide and depression and the protective factors that help  
2 prevent suicide. The instruction and professional development ~~shall~~  
3 **must** be designed to achieve the following goals:

4 (a) To prevent both fatal and nonfatal suicide behaviors among  
5 youth.

6 (b) To increase pupil awareness of the warning signs and risk  
7 factors for suicide and depression.

8 (c) To improve access to appropriate prevention services for  
9 vulnerable youth groups.

10 (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a  
11 public school academy is encouraged to work with school personnel  
12 and local or state organizations and resources specializing in  
13 suicide prevention and awareness.

14 (3) The department shall develop or select model programs and  
15 materials on suicide prevention and awareness that are appropriate  
16 for the purposes of this section, such as the Michigan model for  
17 comprehensive school health education, and shall make those model  
18 programs and materials available to school districts and public  
19 school academies.

20 (4) ~~If a school district or public school academy provides~~  
21 ~~instruction described in subsection (1), the~~ **The** board of ~~the~~ **a**  
22 school district or board of directors of ~~the~~ **a** public school  
23 academy shall notify the parents of all pupils of each school in  
24 which the instruction **described in subsection (1)** is provided about  
25 the instruction using the communication method the school district  
26 or public school academy normally uses for regular communications  
27 with parents.

28 (5) Failure of a school district or public school academy to  
29 comply with subsection (4) does not create a cause of action or

1 constitute a breach of any legal duty in a civil action.

2 (6) This section shall be known as the "Chase Edwards law".

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

4 after the date it is enacted into law.