

SENATE BILL NO. 192

March 02, 2021, Introduced by Senators HERTEL, POLEHANKI, GEISS, BULLOCK, CHANG, ALEXANDER and MCCANN 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~~ **By not later than the 2022-2023 school**
2 **year, the** board of a school district or board of directors of a
3 public school academy ~~is encouraged to~~ **shall** provide age-
4 appropriate **and medically accurate** instruction for pupils and

1 **medically accurate** professional development for school personnel
 2 concerning the warning signs and risk factors for suicide and
 3 depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide.
 4 The instruction and professional development ~~shall~~**must** be designed
 5 to achieve the following goals:

6 (a) To prevent both fatal and nonfatal suicide behaviors among
 7 youth.

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

10 (c) To improve access to appropriate prevention services for
 11 vulnerable youth groups.

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

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

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

1 with parents. The board or board of directors shall ensure that a
2 notice to parents under this subsection includes a description of
3 the instruction provided to pupils under subsection (1). If a
4 school district or public school academy incorporates a model
5 program or materials described under subsection (3) in the
6 instruction it provides to pupils under subsection (1), the board
7 or board of directors shall ensure that the notice to parents under
8 this subsection includes the description of the program or
9 materials made available to the school district or public school
10 academy by the department under subsection (3).

11 (5) Failure of a school district or public school academy to
12 comply with subsection (4) does not create a cause of action or
13 constitute a breach of any legal duty in a civil action.

14 (6) The legislature shall provide for funding to a school
15 district or public school academy for any increase in cost related
16 to compliance with this section.

17 (7) ~~(6)~~—This section shall be known as the "Chase Edwards
18 law".

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