
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart B, to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Health course requirement. Each secondary
5 public school shall require as a condition for graduation
6 completion of a health education course that:

7 (1) Instructs students on the multiple dimensions of
8 health, including the relationship between physical
9 health and mental health; and

10 (2) Enhances understandings, improves attitudes, and
11 encourages behaviors that promote good health, well-
12 being, and human dignity."

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart B, to be
15 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16 "§302A- Suicide prevention; in-service training. The
17 department shall require that in-service training include at



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1 least two hours of suicide prevention education for all teachers
 2 and principals each school year. This education may be
 3 accomplished through self-review of suicide prevention materials
 4 approved by the department."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 7 provided that section 1 shall apply to students graduating after
 8 January 1, 2022.

9 INTRODUCED BY:

[Handwritten signatures of legislators]



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Report Title:

Health; Mental Health; Suicide Prevention; DOE; Graduation Course; Training; Teachers; Students; Principals

Description:

Requires that high school students complete a health class. Requires teacher and principal training to include suicide prevention. Allows the training to be conducted through self-review.

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