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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

**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 III, subpart F to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:  
4           "§302A- Youth suicide awareness and prevention protocol.  
5           (a) The department, in collaboration with the department of  
6 health, shall develop a mandatory youth suicide awareness and  
7 prevention training program and a model risk referral protocol  
8 for complex areas and charter schools based on the department of  
9 health's existing suicide awareness and prevention curriculum  
10 and materials, which shall be provided to teachers, teacher  
11 assistants, administrators, and counselors.  
12           (b) By September 15 of each year, each complex area shall  
13 report to the department on prior school year training  
14 prevention activities completed as described by this section.  
15           (c) Neither the department nor any of its agencies,  
16 boards, members, personnel, designees, agents, or volunteers  
17 shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any act or  
18 omission of an act relating to the provision of, participation



1 in, or implementation of the components of the training program  
2 or protocol required by this section unless that act or omission  
3 amounts to gross negligence, wilful and wanton conduct, or  
4 intentional wrongdoing.

5 (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
6 to include and require contracted workers to participate in and  
7 comply with the suicide awareness and prevention training  
8 program and risk referral protocol requirements under this  
9 section and section 302D- ."

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§302D- Youth suicide awareness and prevention protocol.

14 (a) Each charter school shall provide a youth suicide awareness  
15 and prevention training program and risk referral protocol to  
16 school personnel who work directly with students in kindergarten  
17 through grade twelve on an annual basis in accordance with  
18 section 302A- .

19 (b) By September 15 of each year, each charter school  
20 shall report to the department on prior school year training



1 prevention activities completed as described under section  
2 302A- .  
3 (c) Neither the department nor any of its agencies,  
4 boards, members, personnel, designees, agents, or volunteers  
5 shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any act or  
6 omission of an act relating to the provision of, participation  
7 in, or implementation of the components of the training program  
8 or protocol required by this section unless that act or omission  
9 amounts to gross negligence, wilful and wanton conduct, or  
10 intentional wrongdoing."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, and  
13 shall apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.



**Report Title:**

DOE; Schools; Youth Suicide Prevention; Training Programs; Risk Referral Protocols

**Description:**

Requires DOE to establish a mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training program and model risk referral protocol, based on existing materials created by DOH, for all public schools, including charter schools. Requires charter schools to provide the training program and risk referral protocol to all school personnel who work directly with students in department schools and charter schools, respectively. (CD1)

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