

ACT 270

S.B. NO. 383

A Bill for an Act Relating to Youth Suicide Prevention.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

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

“§302A- Youth suicide awareness and prevention protocol. (a) The department, in collaboration with the department of health, shall develop a mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training program and a model risk referral protocol for complex areas and charter schools based on the department of health’s existing suicide awareness and prevention curriculum and materials, which shall be provided to teachers, teacher assistants, administrators, and counselors.

(b) By September 15 of each year, each complex area shall report to the department on prior school year training prevention activities completed as described by this section.

(c) Neither the department nor any of its agencies, boards, members, personnel, designees, agents, or volunteers shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any act or omission of an act relating to the provision of, participation in, or implementation of the components of the training program or protocol required by this section unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wilful and wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

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

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

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

(b) By September 15 of each year, each charter school shall report to the department on prior school year training prevention activities completed as described under section 302A- .

(c) Neither the department nor any of its agencies, boards, members, personnel, designees, agents, or volunteers shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any act or omission of an act relating to the provision of, participation in, or implementation of the components of the training program or protocol required by this section unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wilful and wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved July 9, 2019.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.