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AN ACT

To repeal sections 170.047, 170.048, and 170.307, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to mental health efforts in public schools, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 170.047, 170.048, and 170.307, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 170.047, 170.048, and 170.307, to read as follows:

170.047. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt/Avery Reine Cantor Act".

2. (1) Beginning in the 2017-18 school year and continuing until the end of the 2022-23 school year, any licensed educator may annually complete up to two hours of training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of the professional development hours required for state board of education certification.

(2) Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and continuing in subsequent school years, the practicing teacher assistance programs established under section 168.400 may offer and include at least two hours of in-service training provided by each local school district for all practicing teachers in such district regarding suicide prevention. Each school year, all teachers, principals, and

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 licensed educators in each district may attend such training
18 or complete training on suicide prevention through self-
19 review of suicide prevention materials. Attendance at the
20 training shall count as two contact hours of professional
21 development under section 168.021 and shall count as two
22 hours of any other such training required under this section.

23 **(3) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year and**
24 **continuing in subsequent school years, each local school**
25 **district shall provide at least two hours of in-service**
26 **training regarding suicide prevention for all licensed**
27 **educators.**

28 3. The department of elementary and secondary
29 education shall develop guidelines suitable for training or
30 professional development in youth suicide awareness and
31 prevention. The department may develop materials that may
32 be used for the training described under subsection 2 of
33 this section or may offer districts materials developed by a
34 third party that districts may use for the training.

35 **4. For the 2027-28 school year and all subsequent**
36 **school years, suicide prevention training described in**
37 **subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 2 of this section and**
38 **guidelines and materials developed or used under subsection**
39 **3 of this section shall require training on risk and**
40 **protective factors, warning signs, response procedures, and**
41 **postvention support.**

42 5. For purposes of this section, the [term] following
43 terms mean:

44 **(1) "Licensed educator"** shall refer to any teacher
45 with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state
46 board of education or any other educator or administrator
47 required to maintain a professional license issued by the
48 state board of education;

49 (2) "Postvention" shall refer to an organized response
50 in the aftermath of a suicide to facilitate the healing of
51 individuals from the grief and distress of suicide loss, to
52 mitigate other negative effects of exposure to suicide, or
53 to prevent suicide among people who are at high risk after
54 exposure to suicide.

55 [5.] 6. The department of elementary and secondary
56 education may promulgate rules and regulations to implement
57 this section.

58 [6.] 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
59 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
60 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
61 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
62 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
63 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
64 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
65 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
66 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
67 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
68 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
69 2016, shall be invalid and void.

 170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall
2 adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention,
3 including plans for how the district will provide for the
4 training and education of its district employees.

5 2. Each district's policy shall address and include,
6 but not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are
8 at possible risk of suicide;

9 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at
10 possible risk of suicide; and

11 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

12 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and
13 secondary education shall develop a model policy that
14 districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the
15 department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input
16 from organizations that have expertise in youth suicide
17 awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least
18 every three years thereafter, the department shall request
19 information and seek feedback from districts on their
20 experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and
21 prevention. The department shall review this information
22 and may use it to adapt the department's model policy. The
23 department shall post any information on its website that it
24 has received from districts that it deems relevant. The
25 department shall not post any confidential information or
26 any information that personally identifies any student or
27 school employee.

28 4. (1) Beginning July 1, [2025] 2026, a public school
29 or charter school that serves any pupils in grades seven to
30 twelve and that issues pupil identification cards shall have
31 printed on either side of the cards[:

32 (a)] the three-digit dialing code that directs calls
33 and routes text messages to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline,
34 988[; and

35 (b) The nonemergency telephone number of the local
36 police department; and

37 (c) May have printed on either side of the cards:

38 a. The six-digit dialing code that routes text
39 messages to the Crisis Text Line, 741741; and

40 b. The telephone number of a local suicide prevention
41 hotline, if such hotline is available].

42 (2) If, on July 1, [2025] 2026, a public school or
43 charter school subject to the requirements of this

44 subsection has a supply of unissued pupil identification
45 cards that do not comply with the requirements of
46 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the school shall issue
47 those cards until that supply is depleted.

48 (3) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to
49 a pupil identification card issued for the first time to a
50 pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost card.

51 **5. For the 2027-28 school year and all subsequent**
52 **school years, each school district shall update the school**
53 **district's policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention**
54 **training required under subsection 1 of this section to**
55 **address and include training on risk and protective factors,**
56 **warning signs, response procedures, and postvention support.**

57 **6. For the 2027-28 school year and all subsequent**
58 **school years, the model policy developed under subsection 3**
59 **of this section shall be updated to include a requirement**
60 **for training on risk and protective factors, warning signs,**
61 **response procedures, and postvention support.**

62 **7. For purposes of this section, "postvention" shall**
63 **mean an organized response in the aftermath of a suicide to**
64 **facilitate the healing of individuals from the grief and**
65 **distress of suicide loss, to mitigate other negative effects**
66 **of exposure to suicide, or to prevent suicide among people**
67 **who are at high risk after exposure to suicide.**

170.307. 1. For school year 2022-23 and each school
2 year thereafter, upon graduation from high school, pupils in
3 public schools and charter schools shall have received
4 mental health awareness training given any time during a
5 pupil's four years of high school.

6 2. Beginning in school year 2022-23, any public school
7 or charter school serving grades nine through twelve shall
8 provide enrolled students instruction in mental health

9 awareness. Students with disabilities may participate to
10 the extent appropriate as determined by the provisions of
11 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section
12 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Instruction shall be
13 included in the district's existing health or physical
14 education curriculum. Instruction shall be based on a
15 program established by the department of elementary and
16 secondary education.

17 **3. (1) This subsection shall be known and may be**
18 **cited as "Brennan's Law".**

19 **(2) For the 2026-27 school year and each subsequent**
20 **school year, before entering grade nine, each pupil in a**
21 **public school shall have received mental health awareness**
22 **training given any time while such pupil is in grade five to**
23 **grade eight.**

24 **(3) For the 2026-27 school year and each subsequent**
25 **school year, any public school serving grades five to eight**
26 **shall provide enrolled students with age-appropriate**
27 **instruction in mental health awareness. Students with**
28 **disabilities may participate to the extent appropriate as**
29 **determined by the provisions of the federal Individuals with**
30 **Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1400,**
31 **et seq., as amended, or Section 504 of the federal**
32 **Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, as**
33 **amended. Instruction shall be included in the district's**
34 **existing health or physical education curriculum.**
35 **Instruction shall be based on a program established by the**
36 **department of elementary and secondary education.**

37 **4.** The department of elementary and secondary
38 education shall promulgate rules to develop a model
39 curriculum to be used by school districts to provide the
40 instruction required by this section. Any rule or portion

41 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that
42 is created under the authority delegated in this section
43 shall become effective only if it complies with and is
44 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
45 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536
46 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
47 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
48 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
49 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
50 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
51 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

Section B. Because schools require clear guidance on
2 suicide prevention requirements for the upcoming school
3 year, the repeal and reenactment of section 170.048 of this
4 act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of
5 the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
7 constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section
8 170.048 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon
9 its passage and approval.

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