

SENATE BILL No. 464

June 15, 2017, Introduced by Senators HERTEL, KNEZEK, CONYERS, GREGORY,
JONES, HOOD, ROCCA, PROOS, HUNE and ANANICH and referred to the Committee
on Education.

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 board of a school district or board of
2 directors of a public school academy ~~is encouraged to~~ **SHALL** provide
3 age-appropriate **AND MEDICALLY ACCURATE** instruction for pupils and
4 **MEDICALLY ACCURATE** professional development for school personnel
5 concerning the warning signs and risk factors for suicide and
6 depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide.
7 The instruction and professional development shall be designed to
8 achieve the following goals:

9 (a) To prevent both fatal and nonfatal suicide behaviors among

1 youth.

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

4 (c) To improve access to appropriate prevention services for
5 vulnerable youth groups.

6 (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a
7 public school academy is encouraged to work with school personnel
8 and local or state organizations and resources specializing in
9 suicide prevention and awareness.

10 (3) The department shall develop or select model programs and
11 materials on suicide prevention and awareness that are appropriate
12 for the purposes of this section, such as the Michigan model for
13 comprehensive school health education, and shall make those model
14 programs and materials available to school districts and public
15 school academies.

16 (4) ~~If a school district or public school academy provides~~
17 ~~instruction described in subsection (1), the~~ **THE** board of ~~the~~ **A**
18 school district or board of directors of ~~the~~ **A** public school
19 academy shall notify the parents of all pupils of each school in
20 which the instruction **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)** is provided about
21 the instruction using the communication method the school district
22 or public school academy normally uses for regular communications
23 with parents.

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

27 (6) **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE FOR FUNDING TO A SCHOOL**

1 DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR ANY INCREASE IN COST RELATED
2 TO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

3 (7) ~~(6)~~—This section shall be known as the "Chase Edwards
4 law".

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