

SENATE BILL NO. 321

March 25, 2021, Introduced by Senators SANTANA, WOJNO, BAYER, HOLLIER, GEISS, CHANG, BULLOCK, ALEXANDER, THEIS, MCBROOM and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1526b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1526b. (1) Not later than 1 year after the effective date**
2 **of the amendatory act that added this section, the department, in**
3 **coordination and collaboration with the department of health and**
4 **human services, community mental health services programs, and**
5 **state associations representing mental health professionals,**

1 including, but not limited to, licensed school-based mental health
2 professionals, shall develop or adopt professional development
3 standards for professional development for teachers on recognizing
4 and addressing mental-health needs.

5 (2) The professional development standards developed or
6 adopted under subsection (1) must include coverage of at least both
7 of the following:

8 (a) The identification of potential risk factors and warning
9 signs for mental illnesses, including, but not limited to,
10 depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance
11 use disorders, and self-injury.

12 (b) Strategies for helping an individual experiencing a mental
13 health crisis, including, but not limited to, assessing risk,
14 listening respectfully, supporting the individual, and identifying
15 professional help and other resources for the individual.

16 (3) Professional development for teachers on recognizing and
17 addressing mental health needs that meets the standards developed
18 or adopted under subsection (1) may be counted toward the
19 professional development required under section 1527(1).

20 (4) As used in this section, "community mental health services
21 program" means that term as defined in section 100a of the mental
22 health code, MCL 330.1100a.

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