

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5549

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1308e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1308e. (1) By not later than October 1, 2026, the board
2 of a school district or intermediate school district, board of
3 directors of a public school academy, or governing body of a
4 nonpublic school shall ensure that each school operated by the
5 board, board of directors, or governing body has a behavior threat
6 assessment and management team. The behavior threat assessment and
7 management team must include, but is not limited to, the following
8 individuals:

9 (a) A school administrator. The school administrator shall

1 ensure that the behavior threat assessment and management team
2 fulfills the duties described in subsection (2).

3 (b) A mental health professional.

4 (c) A school resource officer or other law enforcement
5 official. A law enforcement official who is not a school resource
6 officer must be from the local law enforcement agency that has
7 jurisdiction over the school.

8 (2) The behavior threat assessment and management team's
9 duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

10 (a) Defining prohibited and concerning behavior and educating
11 the school community on warning signs that may indicate that
12 someone is at risk for potential harm to themselves or others.

13 (b) Monitoring, assessing, and performing inquiries into
14 concerning behavior.

15 (c) Distinguishing between credible and noncredible threats.

16 (d) Developing a central reporting mechanism and educating
17 students, parents, legal guardians, and school personnel on how to
18 report concerning behavior and what is appropriate to report.

19 (e) Outlining the relationship between school personnel and
20 law enforcement and determining the threshold for when a situation
21 requires the intervention of law enforcement.

22 (f) Developing a written plan to assist a student who is
23 engaging in concerning behavior. A written plan created under this
24 subdivision must consider using supportive measures in addition to
25 any punitive measures imposed.

26 (3) The department of state police, in collaboration with the
27 office of school safety created by law, shall develop school safety
28 and security training material and provide the training material
29 annually to public and nonpublic schools in this state. The

1 training material developed under this subsection must include, but
2 is not limited to, the following:

3 (a) An operational guide created by the United States Secret
4 Service Threat Assessment Center that provides actionable steps
5 that schools can use to develop comprehensive targeted violence
6 prevention plans for conducting threat assessments in schools.

7 (b) Model forms that schools can use when completing a threat
8 assessment.

9 (4) Upon request from the governing body of a public or
10 nonpublic school, the department of state police shall provide
11 training to employees of that school on effective use of the school
12 safety and security training material developed under subsection
13 (3).

14 (5) As used in this section:

15 (a) "Mental health professional" means that term as defined in
16 section 100b of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b.

17 (b) "Supportive measures" means interventions involving
18 school-based and community-based support structures that focus on
19 building resiliency and protecting the student while also
20 addressing any safety concerns.