

SENATE FILE NO. SF0078

The Jason Flatt Act-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school districts; requiring suicide
2 prevention education for teachers and school
3 administrators; and providing for effective dates.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new
8 paragraph (xxxv), as amended by 2013 Wyoming Session Laws,
9 Chapter 1, and 21-3-110(a) by creating a new paragraph
10 (xxxiii), are amended to read:

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12 **21-2-202. Duties of the director.**

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14 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
15 the director shall:

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1 (xxxv) Approve suitable materials for suicide
2 prevention education as required for school district
3 teachers and school administrators under W.S.
4 21-3-110(a) (xxxiii).

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6 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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8 (a) The board of trustees of each school district
9 shall:

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11 (xxxiii) Commencing with school year 2014-2015
12 and each school year thereafter, with funds made available
13 to the district under the Wyoming education resource block
14 grant model as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a) (xiv),
15 require each teacher and school administrator within the
16 district to receive at least eight (8) hours of suicide
17 prevention education every four (4) school years using
18 suitable materials approved by the director of the
19 department under W.S. 21-2-202(a) (xxxv). Any teacher or
20 school administrator shall receive at least two (2) hours
21 of suicide prevention education during the initial school
22 year of employment with the district if the teacher or
23 school administrator has not received suicide prevention
24 training complying with this paragraph prior to employment.

1 Suicide prevention education may consist of self-review of
2 approved suitable materials.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new
5 paragraph (xxxv), as in effect prior to the enactment of
6 2013 Wyoming Session Laws, and 21-3-110(a) by creating a
7 new paragraph (xxxiii) Chapter 1, are amended to read:

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9 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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11 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
12 the state superintendent shall:

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14 (xxxv) Approve suitable materials for suicide
15 prevention education as required for school district
16 teachers and school administrators under W.S.
17 21-3-110(a) (xxxiii).

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19 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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21 (a) The board of trustees of each school district
22 shall:

1 (xxxiii) Commencing with school year 2014-2015
2 and each school year thereafter, with funds made available
3 to the district under the Wyoming education resource block
4 grant model as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv),
5 require each teacher and school administrator within the
6 district to receive at least eight (8) hours of suicide
7 prevention education every four (4) school years using
8 suitable materials approved by the state superintendent
9 under W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxv). Any teacher or school
10 administrator shall receive at least two (2) hours of
11 suicide prevention education during the initial school year
12 of employment with the district if the teacher or school
13 administrator has not received suicide prevention training
14 complying with this paragraph prior to employment. Suicide
15 prevention education may consist of self-review of approved
16 suitable materials.

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18 **Section 3.**

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20 (a) Section 1 of this act is effective July 1, 2014,
21 only if section 2 of this act is not effective as provided
22 by subsection (b) of this section.

1 (b) If a final order by the district court of Laramie
2 County, Wyoming, is issued implementing without change the
3 final ruling of the Wyoming Supreme Court issued January
4 28, 2014, in the case of Kerry and Clara Powers, on behalf
5 of themselves and the citizens of Wyoming, and Cindy Hill,
6 on behalf of herself and as the Superintendent of Public
7 Instruction v. State of Wyoming and Matthew H. Mead,
8 Governor, in his official capacity [Docket No. S-13-0052],
9 then upon expiration of time for appeal of that order, or
10 if appealed, upon issuance of a final order or mandate of
11 the Wyoming Supreme Court confirming the district court
12 final order, the Governor shall certify the entry of the
13 district court final order. The Governor shall immediately
14 file any certification under this section together with the
15 final order with the secretary of state. If the
16 certification is filed with the secretary of state after
17 July 1, 2014, section 2 of this act is effective upon
18 filing and shall supersede section 1 of this act. If the
19 certification is filed with the secretary of state before
20 July 1, 2014, section 2 of this act is effective July 1,
21 2014 and shall supersede section 1 of this act.

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