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A BILL

To amend section 3319.073 of the Revised Code with
regard to educator in-service training on youth
suicide awareness and prevention in public
schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3319.073 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3319.073. (A) The board of education of each city and
exempted village school district and the governing board of each
educational service center shall adopt or adapt the curriculum
developed by the department of education for, or shall develop
in consultation with public or private agencies or persons
involved in child abuse prevention or intervention programs, a
program of in-service training in the prevention of child abuse,
violence, and substance abuse and the promotion of positive
youth development. Each person employed by any school district
or service center to work in a school as a nurse, teacher,
counselor, school psychologist, or administrator shall complete
at least four hours of the in-service training within two years

of commencing employment with the district or center, and every 19
five years thereafter. A person who is employed by any school 20
district or service center to work in an elementary school as a 21
nurse, teacher, counselor, school psychologist, or administrator 22
on March 30, 2007, shall complete at least four hours of the in- 23
service training not later than March 30, 2009, and every five 24
years thereafter. A person who is employed by any school 25
district or service center to work in a middle or high school as 26
a nurse, teacher, counselor, school psychologist, or 27
administrator on October 16, 2009, shall complete at least four 28
hours of the in-service training not later than October 16, 29
2011, and every five years thereafter. 30

(B) Each board shall incorporate training in school safety 31
and violence prevention, including human trafficking content, 32
into the in-service training required by division (A) of this 33
section. For this purpose, the board shall adopt or adapt the 34
curriculum developed by the department or shall develop its own 35
curriculum in consultation with public or private agencies or 36
persons involved in school safety and violence prevention 37
programs. 38

(C) Each board shall incorporate training on the board's 39
harassment, intimidation, or bullying policy adopted under 40
section 3313.666 of the Revised Code into the in-service 41
training required by division (A) of this section. Each board 42
also shall incorporate training in the prevention of dating 43
violence into the in-service training required by that division 44
for middle and high school employees. The board shall develop 45
its own curricula for these purposes. 46

(D) Each board shall incorporate training in youth suicide 47
awareness and prevention into the in-service training required 48

by division (A) of this section for each person employed by a 49
school district or service center to work in a school as a 50
nurse, teacher, counselor, school psychologist, or 51
administrator, and any other personnel that the board determines 52
appropriate. The board shall require each such person to undergo 53
training in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs once 54
every two years. For this purpose, the board shall adopt or 55
adapt the curriculum developed by the department or shall 56
develop its own curriculum in consultation with public or 57
private agencies or persons involved in youth suicide awareness 58
and prevention programs. 59

The training completed under this division shall count 60
toward the satisfaction of requirements for professional 61
development required by the school district or service center 62
board, and the training may be accomplished through self-review 63
of suitable suicide prevention materials approved by the board. 64

Section 2. That existing section 3319.073 of the Revised 65
Code is hereby repealed. 66