

SENATE BILL NO. 41

January 22, 2019, Introduced by Senators SANTANA, GEISS, MCBROOM, ANANICH, MOSS, POLEHANKI, MCMORROW, HERTEL, BRINKS, CHANG, IRWIN, LASATA, BAYER and BULLOCK 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 conjunction with the department of health and human services, shall
4 develop or adopt a professional development course for teachers on
5 mental health first aid.

6 (2) The professional development course developed or adopted

1 under subsection (1) must include instruction on at least both of
2 the following:

3 (a) Identifying potential risk factors and warning signs for
4 mental illnesses, including, but not limited to, depression,
5 anxiety, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance use
6 disorders, and self-injury.

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

11 (3) The professional development course developed or adopted
12 under subsection (1) may be counted toward the professional
13 development required under section 1527.

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