

## CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 58 (Salas)

As Amended August 11, 2022

Majority vote

### SUMMARY

Requires a local educational agency (LEA), on or before January 1, 2025, to review and update its policy on pupil suicide prevention, and encourages LEAs to provide suicide awareness and prevention training to teachers, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to develop and issue resources and guidance to LEAs on how to conduct suicide awareness and prevention training remotely, by June 1, 2024.

#### Senate Amendments

Delay this bill's requirements of LEAs to January 1, 2025.

### COMMENTS

*Youth suicide.* According to the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, "Youth suicide and self-inflicted injury are serious social and public health concerns. Approximately 157,000 youth ages 10-24 are treated for self-inflicted injuries in emergency rooms every year. Self-inflicted injuries are not necessarily the result of suicide attempts; in fact, self-harm without the intent to die is more prevalent than self-harm with such intent.

In 2014, there were 3,575 hospitalizations for non-fatal self-inflicted injuries among children and youth ages 5-20 in California. In 2015, 495 California children and youth ages 5-24 were known to have committed suicide: 23 of these were between the ages of 5-14.

#### According to the Author

"Approximately one out of every 15 high school students report attempting suicide each year and suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth age 10-24. In recent years, there has been an increase in youth suicides and suicide attempts. In September 2020, the State Auditor released a report titled Youth Suicide Prevention: Local Educational Agencies Lack the Resources and Policies Necessary to Effectively Address Rising Rates of Youth Suicide and Self-Harm which found that "schools can more effectively assist students if they have appropriate suicide prevention policies in place, in they train their faculty and staff to recognize and respond to youth who are at risk of suicide or self-harm" and "the deficiencies we found in these areas during our review suggest LEAs could do more to address youth suicide and self-harm." This bill will implement recommendations from the State Auditor's report to help improve prevention of youth suicide and self-harm."

#### Arguments in Support

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California states "American youth have high rates of suicides and suicide attempts. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Adolescence reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescents 15 to 19 years old, affecting young people from all races and socioeconomic groups. According to a survey conducted by the AAP in 2019, 80% of pediatricians had had a patient who attempted or died by suicide, 48% within the past year. Schools are well-positioned to offer help to students in terms of access, but currently lack the model prevention policies and training for faculty and staff to recognize and respond to youth who are at risk of suicide or self-

harm to do so. Teachers and other school staff provide an additional layer of support for our youth and need access to up-to-date, best-practice-based training on suicide prevention and awareness. AAP-CA strongly supports AB 58."

### **Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

### **FISCAL COMMENTS**

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, "This bill could result in a reimbursable state mandate for LEAs to update their suicide prevention plans. The costs will vary by LEA but could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars statewide on a one-time basis (Proposition 98 General Fund). This bill could also result in additional, unknown local cost pressures for LEAs to provide suicide awareness and prevention training for teachers.

The cost for the CDE to update its model policy to serve as a guide for LEAs and provide them with resources and guidance is likely to be minor and absorbable within existing resources."

### **VOTES:**

#### **ASM EDUCATION: 6-0-1**

**YES:** O'Donnell, Bennett, Choi, Lee, McCarty, Quirk-Silva

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Chen

#### **ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 15-0-1**

**YES:** Holden, Bigelow, Bryan, Calderon, Luz Rivas, Davies, Fong, Gabriel, McCarty, Levine, Quirk, Robert Rivas, Akilah Weber, Stone, Mullin

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Megan Dahle

#### **ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 67-0-9**

**YES:** Aguiar-Curry, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bryan, Burke, Calderon, Cervantes, Choi, Cooley, Cunningham, Daly, Davies, Flora, Fong, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Gipson, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kiley, Lackey, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Nguyen, O'Donnell, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Seyarto, Smith, Stone, Ting, Valladares, Villapudua, Voepel, Ward, Akilah Weber, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Arambula, Mia Bonta, Carrillo, Chen, Cooper, Megan Dahle, Eduardo Garcia, Mayes, Waldron

#### **SENATE FLOOR: 40-0-0**

**YES:** Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Bates, Becker, Borgeas, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Grove, Hertzberg, Hueso, Hurtado, Jones, Kamlager, Laird, Leyva, Limón, McGuire, Melendez, Min, Newman, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener, Wilk

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