



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL AND AMENDMENT SUMMARY

# School Suicide Prevention Training HF 2350

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**Status of Bill:** House Floor  
**Committee:** Education (22-0)

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### **Bill Summary**

School boards would be required to integrate one hour annually of evidenced-based training on suicide prevention, “postvention” and “trauma-informed care” into their Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) by July 1, 2019. The Department of Education (DE) would be required to adopt training protocols for all licensed school personnel who have regular contact with children in grades 6-12. The content of the training would be based on nationally recognized best practices.

The bill requires the Iowa State Board of Education to submit a notice of intended action to begin rulemaking no later than December 12, 2018, and to adopt the rules not later than July 1, 2019.

### **Definitions:**

“Postvention” - The provision of crisis intervention, support, and assistance for those affected by a suicide or suicide attempt to prevent further risk of suicide.

“Trauma-Informed Care” - Services that are based on an understanding of the vulnerabilities and triggers of individuals who have experienced trauma, recognize the role trauma has played in the lives of those individuals, recognize the presence and onset of trauma symptoms, are supportive of trauma recovery, and avoid further traumatization.

### **State Mandate:**

The bill makes inapplicable the statute that would require an appropriation to fund the cost of the mandate. Thus, school districts are required to comply with any state mandate included in the bill.

### **Amendment Summary (as of the 3/6 Clip Sheet)**

#### **H-8177 by T. Moore: Strike Everything After Enacting Clause**

H-8177 would be the same as the bill, except for the following:

- Adds an “Adverse Childhood Experience” (ACE) definition in place of “Trauma informed care,” and training would include the identification of ACE and strategies to mitigate toxic stress response through nationally recognized best practices. The amendment defines ACE as potentially traumatic event occurring in childhood that can have negative, lasting effects on an individual’s health and well-being.
- By July 1, 2019, school boards would be required to have one hour of nationally recognized training on suicide prevention and postvention for all licensed school personnel who have contact with students grades K-12.

- July 1, 2019, school boards are required to annually have evidence-based, evidence-supported training on the identification of ACE and strategies to mitigate toxic stress response for all licensed school personnel with regular contact with students in K- 12. The content of the training is required to be based on nationally recognized best practices.
- Due to the fiscal impact of the bill, the amendment does NOT require the training to be a part of the CSIP. The amendment continues to make the proper code section inapplicable for funding with a state mandate. Thus, school districts are required to comply with any state mandate that would be included in the bill.

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