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Research Analysis

The committee substitute instructs the boards of education of each school district in the state to adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness and training and the reporting of student drug abuse. Boards of education will provide school-wide training to all students and staff addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will develop training without cost to the school districts. Starting with the 2013-14 school year, each school will provide that training or a program approved by the department. Training must not be less than two hours annually. School personnel will be immune from employment discipline and any civil liability for reporting to law enforcement and providing assistance to students.

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Fiscal Analysis

Committee Sub. for HB 1623 requires each school district board of education to provide schoolwide training to all students and staff addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will develop and make available to school districts training which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without cost to the school districts.

Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, the training program will be not less than two hours annually. The training program may be combined with other specific training. Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services personnel provide that they can provide a basic offering.

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Other Considerations

None at this time