

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Youth suicide awareness and prevention.

8 (a) This Section may be referred to as Ann Marie's Law.

9 (b) The State Board of Education shall do both of the
10 following:

11 (1) In consultation with a youth suicide prevention
12 organization operating in this State, develop a model youth
13 suicide awareness and prevention policy that is consistent
14 with subsection (c) of this Section.

15 (2) Compile, develop, and post on its publicly
16 accessible Internet website both of the following, which
17 may include materials already publicly available:

18 (A) Recommended guidelines and educational
19 materials for training and professional development.

20 (B) Recommended resources and age-appropriate
21 educational materials on youth suicide awareness and
22 prevention.

23 (c) The model policy developed by the State Board of

1 Education under subsection (b) of this Section and any policy
2 adopted by a school board under subsection (d) of this Section
3 shall include all of the following:

4 (1) A statement on youth suicide awareness and
5 prevention.

6 (2) Protocols for administering youth suicide
7 awareness and prevention education to staff and students.

8 (3) Methods of prevention, including procedures for
9 early identification and referral of students at risk of
10 suicide.

11 (4) Methods of intervention, including procedures that
12 address an emotional or mental health safety plan for
13 students identified as being at increased risk of suicide.

14 (5) Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide
15 or suicide attempt.

16 (6) Reporting procedures.

17 (7) Recommended resources on youth suicide awareness
18 and prevention programs, including current contact
19 information for such programs.

20 (d) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each school
21 board shall adopt an age-appropriate youth suicide awareness
22 and prevention policy consistent with subsection (c) of this
23 Section, inform each school district employee and the parent or
24 legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school district
25 of such policy, and post such policy on the school district's
26 publicly accessible Internet website. The policy adopted by a

1 school board under this subsection (d) may be based upon the
2 model policy developed by the State Board of Education under
3 subsection (b) of this Section.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.