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H.P. 1302

House of Representatives, March 20, 2018

### **An Act To Increase Youth Mental Health Awareness in Schools**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and  
Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GOLDEN of  
Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell,  
PERRY of Calais, Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4502, sub-§5-D** is enacted to read:

3 **5-D. Youth mental health awareness and training.** Beginning in the 2019-2020  
4 school year, at least 2 school personnel in each school within a school administrative unit  
5 and in each island, charter and public school that is not in a school administrative unit  
6 must be certified in youth mental health first aid.

7 A. Additional trained school personnel above the minimum of 2 must receive the  
8 training if the number of students in the school administrative unit is above 1,000 as  
9 follows:

10 (1) For 1,001 to 1,500 students, one additional school employee;

11 (2) For 1,501 to 2,000 students, 2 additional school personnel;

12 (3) For 2,001 to 2,500 students, 3 additional school personnel;

13 (4) For 2,501 to 3,000 students, 4 additional school personnel;

14 (5) For 3,001 to 3,500 students, 5 additional school personnel;

15 (6) For 3,501 to 4,000 students, 6 additional school personnel;

16 (7) For 4,001 to 4,500 students, 7 additional school personnel;

17 (8) For 4,501 to 5,000 students, 8 additional school personnel;

18 (9) For 5,001 to 5,500 students, 9 additional school personnel;

19 (10) For 5,501 to 6,000 students, 10 additional school personnel;

20 (11) For 6,001 to 6,500 students, 11 additional school personnel;

21 (12) For 6,501 to 7,000 students, 12 additional school personnel;

22 (13) For 7,001 to 7,500 students, 13 additional school personnel; and

23 (14) For 7,501 or more students, 14 additional school personnel.

24 B. Training received pursuant to this subsection must count toward satisfaction of  
25 professional development requirements for the department and credentialing  
26 requirements for teachers and other professional personnel under chapters 501 and  
27 502.

28 The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. The rules must include,  
29 but are not limited to, implementation standards. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
30 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

31 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
32 allocations are made.

33 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
34 **Mental Health Services - Children 0136**

35 Initiative: Provides funds for the provision of youth mental health first aid training.

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

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**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, at least 2 personnel in each school within a school administrative unit and in each island, charter and public school that is not in a school administrative unit must be certified in youth mental health first aid.