

SF 2113 Formerly SF 2004	SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING	Requires the Board of Education to adopt rules requiring that educational license holders who deal with students have one-hour of suicide prevention training to renew license. Allows the license holder to obtain the training through the review of materials from the BEE. (Zaun)
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TALKING POINTS FOR SF 2113

1. Students spend more time at school than home. Teachers are in a special position to know when a student is struggling. If they know more about suicide, they will be positioned to help more effectively.

2. 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.

<https://www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-By-the-Numbers>

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3. Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10 - 24.

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4. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. There is sometimes only one chance to save a life.

5. In health care, we look at risk and benefit. Saving only one life is worth the time and cost to take the 1 hour course.

6. If a small school does not have a mental health expert to teach the class, it is permissible to independently review training materials.

7. Tell legislators your story of how better educated teachers might have been able to help a struggling teen or save a life.