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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 injury; (4) identifying evidence-based and best practice programs in
2 public schools for the prevention of youth suicide and self-injury,
3 including a survey of programs being implemented in surrounding
4 states; (5) identifying opportunities to enhance access to mental
5 health treatment in public schools; and (6) findings and
6 recommendations, including legislative and regulatory proposals, to
7 improve suicide prevention instruction. The council is required to
8 submit the report to the Governor and Legislature no later than 12
9 months after the effective date of the act.

10 Schools can be a key setting for youth suicide prevention.
11 Teachers, mental health providers, and all other school personnel
12 who interact with students can play an important role in keeping
13 them safe. Currently, the State Board of Education, in consultation
14 with the New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council is
15 required to provide instruction in suicide prevention to public
16 school teaching staff. The report required by this bill will inform
17 the Governor and Legislature of the effectiveness of the instruction
18 in suicide prevention and whether the instruction is being provided
19 uniformly and consistently in all public schools.