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Senate Bill 852

(Senator Carter)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Education - School Personnel - Training

This bill includes training on recognizing teen dating violence in the training on out-of-school trauma that specified certificated school personnel must complete annually. Certificated personnel must also be trained in referring these students to behavioral health services. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Education (SBE) can require all certificated school personnel who have direct contract with students on a regular basis to complete training and develop regulations using existing resources.

Local Effect: Local school systems expenditures may increase minimally to develop the training in FY 2023; any costs are likely absorbable by most systems. It is assumed that the training developed can be incorporated in the existing required training using existing resources; however, less time may be spent on existing training topics. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: SBE must require all certificated school personnel who have direct contract with students on a regular basis to complete training by December 1 each year, by a method determined by each local board of education, in the skills required to:

- understand and respond to youth suicide risk;
- identify professional resources to help students in crisis;

- recognize student behavioral health issues;
- recognize students experiencing trauma or violence out of school and refer students to behavioral health services; and
- if the school is a community school, support any students needing the services at a community school.

The training must be (1) provided to certificated school personnel during an in-service program or (2) a professional development requirement that may be met during time designated for professional development.

SBE must adopt regulations to implement these requirements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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