

Subject Suicide Prevention Training for School Staff

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Overview

The 2019 Legislature appropriated \$265,000 for a onetime grant for suicide prevention training for school district staff. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) collaborated with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to award a contract for services (most of the state's suicide prevention efforts are operated out of MDH). The contract was awarded to a company called Kognito that developed an interactive suicide prevention training program that was made available at no cost to Minnesota teachers who participate in the program.

H.F. 486, as amended, appropriates \$265,000 from the general fund to MDH for a grant for suicide prevention training for school staff and makes the grant available until June 30, 2023. H.F. 486 requires the training to be accessible statewide to all teachers in charter schools, school districts, intermediate school districts, service cooperatives, and tribal contract schools.

Summary

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1	Appropriation; suicide prevention training for teachers.
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Appropriates \$265,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to MDH for a grant to develop suicide prevention training for Minnesota's teachers in school districts, charter schools, intermediate schools districts, service cooperatives, and tribal contract schools.

Requires the commissioner of health to report to the legislature by January 8, 2023, on the number of teachers completing the training and the average length of time taken to complete the training. Requires the commissioner to survey the teachers trained by the program to determine their perception of the training program.



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