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135 Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; amending mental health education requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.21.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.21, is amended to read:

1.6 **120B.21 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.**

1.7 School districts and charter schools are encouraged to provide mental health instruction
1.8 for students in grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12 aligned with local health standards and integrated into
1.9 existing programs, curriculum, or the general school environment of a district or charter
1.10 school. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of human services and
1.11 mental health organizations, ~~is encouraged to~~ must, by July 1, 2020, and July 1 of each
1.12 even-numbered year thereafter, provide districts and charter schools with:

1.13 (1) age-appropriate model learning activities for grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12 that encompass
1.14 the mental health components of the National Health Education Standards and the
1.15 benchmarks developed by the department's quality teaching network in health and best
1.16 practices in mental health education; and

1.17 (2) a directory of resources for planning and implementing age-appropriate mental health
1.18 curriculum and instruction in grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12, which includes resources on suicide
1.19 and self-harm prevention.