

A bill for an act

relating to education; creating model curriculum for mental health; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

Section 1. **[120B.21] MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.**

The legislature encourages districts to provide instruction in mental health for students in grades 7 through 12. Instruction must be aligned with local health and physical education standards and integrated into a district's existing programs, curriculum, or the general school environment. The commissioner of education, in consultation with mental health organizations, shall provide assistance to districts including:

(1) age-appropriate model learning activities for grades 7 through 12 that address mental health components of the National Health Education Standards and the benchmarks developed by the department's quality teaching network in health and physical education, and best practices in mental health education; and

(2) a directory of resources for planning and implementing age-appropriate mental health curriculum and instruction in grades 7 through 12.