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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; requiring school threat assessment teams; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[121A.35] THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS AND OVERSIGHT**
1.6 **COMMITTEES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Policies.** A school board must adopt a policy to establish threat assessment
1.8 teams, including the assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior may
1.9 pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students. A threat assessment policy must be
1.10 consistent with district policies developed in accordance with sections 121A.031 and
1.11 121A.035. A threat assessment policy must include procedures for referrals to community
1.12 mental health centers or health care providers for evaluation or treatment, when appropriate.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Oversight committee.** The superintendent of a school district must establish
1.14 a committee charged with oversight of the threat assessment teams operating within the
1.15 district, which may be an existing committee established by the school board.

1.16 Subd. 3. **Threat assessment teams.** (a) The superintendent of a school district must
1.17 establish, for each school, a threat assessment team that includes school officials with
1.18 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law enforcement. A threat
1.19 assessment team may serve one or more schools, as determined by the superintendent.

1.20 (b) A threat assessment team must:

1.21 (1) provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening
1.22 or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self;

2.1 (2) identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be
2.2 reported; and

2.3 (3) implement a policy adopted by the school board under subdivision 1.

2.4 (c) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical
2.5 harm to self or others, a threat assessment team must immediately report its determination
2.6 to the district superintendent or the superintendent's designee, who must immediately attempt
2.7 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this section precludes school
2.8 district personnel from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

2.9 (d) A threat assessment team established under this section must report summary data
2.10 on its activities according to guidance developed by the Minnesota School Safety Center.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Redislosure.** (a) A threat assessment team member must not redisclose
2.12 educational records or use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which the
2.13 disclosure was made to the threat assessment team.

2.14 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits the disclosure of educational records in health,
2.15 including mental health, and safety emergencies in accordance with state and federal law.