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A bill for an act

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relating to education; requiring mental health instruction starting in the 2026-2027

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school year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.21.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.21, is amended to read:

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120B.21 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

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(a) School districts and charter schools are encouraged to provide mental health instruction

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for students in grades 4 through 12 aligned with local health standards and integrated into

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existing programs, curriculum, or the general school environment of a district or charter

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school. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of human services,

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commissioner of health, and mental health organizations, must, by July 1, 2020, and July

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1 of each even-numbered year thereafter, provide districts and charter schools with resources

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gathered by Minnesota mental health advocates, including:

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(1) age-appropriate model learning activities for grades 4 through 12 that encompass

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the mental health components of the National Health Education Standards and the

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benchmarks developed by the department's quality teaching network in health and best

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practices in mental health education; and

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(2) a directory of resources for planning and implementing age-appropriate mental health

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curriculum and instruction in grades 4 through 12 that includes resources on suicide and

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self-harm prevention. A district or charter school providing instruction or presentations on

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preventing suicide or self-harm must use either the resources provided by the commissioner

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or other evidence-based instruction.

- 2.1 (b) Starting in the 2026-2027 school year, school districts and charter schools must
- 2.2 provide mental health instruction in accordance with paragraph (a).