

HCS HB 1363 -- JASON FLATT/AVERY REINE CANTOR ACT

SPONSOR: Kidd

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, each school district must offer two hours of suicide prevention training for all practicing teachers. All teachers, principals, and licensed educators must attend such a training or complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide prevention materials. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may develop materials to be used for such training or may offer districts materials developed by a third party.

This bill is similar to HB 862 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this training can help teachers identify children at risk of suicide, and potentially save children's lives.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kidd; Align Education; Ron Hicks; and the Missouri School Counselor Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.