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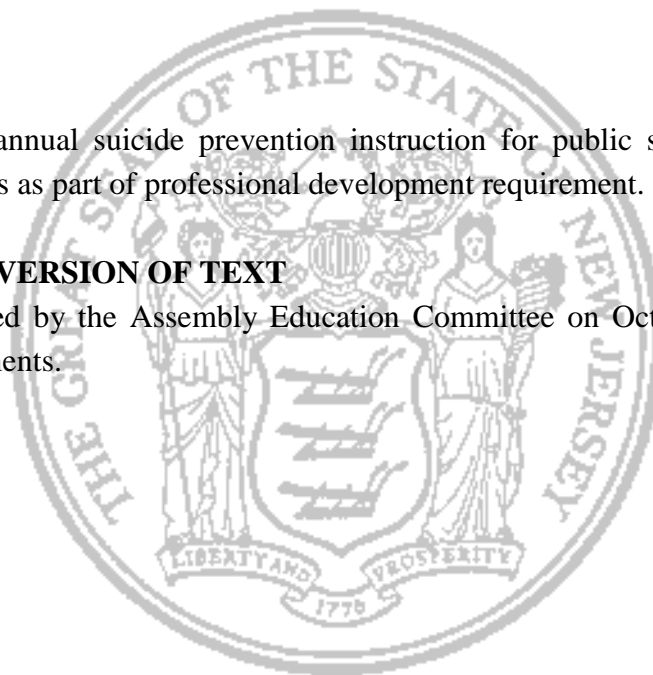
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and Taliaferro**

SYNOPSIS

Requires annual suicide prevention instruction for public school teaching staff members as part of professional development requirement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on October 27, 2014, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning annual suicide prevention instruction for public
2 school teaching staff members and amending P.L.2005, c.310.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.310 (C.18A:6-112) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the New
10 Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council established in
11 the Department of Children and Families pursuant to P.L.2003,
12 c.214 (C.30:9A-22 et seq.), shall ¹["], as part of the professional
13 development requirement established by the State board for public
14 school teaching staff members,¹ require each public school
15 teaching staff member to ¹annually¹ complete ¹[at least two hours
16 of]¹ instruction in suicide prevention ¹["], to be provided by a
17 licensed health care professional with training and experience in
18 mental health issues, in each year of the professional development
19 period]. Two hours of the instruction shall be completed over a
20 five-year period as part of the professional development
21 requirement established by the State board for public school
22 teaching staff members, and shall be provided by a licensed health
23 care professional with training and experience in mental health
24 issues. In addition to the professional development requirement, a
25 teaching staff member shall receive instruction in suicide
26 prevention in conjunction with other training required for teaching
27 staff members pursuant to law or regulation including, but not
28 limited to, training required pursuant to the provisions of the "Anti-
29 Bullying Bill of Rights Act," P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-13.1 et
30 al.)¹.

31 The instruction in suicide prevention shall include information
32 on the relationship between the risk of suicide and incidents of
33 harassment, intimidation, and bullying and information on reducing
34 the risk of suicide in students who are members of communities
35 identified as having members at high risk of suicide.

36 (cf: P.L.2010, c.122, s.4)

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 27, 2014.