

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, Dyson, Coghill, McGuire, Meyer, Stedman, Menard, Paskvan, Egan****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act requiring suicide awareness and prevention training for certain school  
2 personnel."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6       **SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be known as the Jason Flatt Act.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
8 read:

9       **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislature that training under this Act  
10 be provided without the need for appropriation of additional state funding for that purpose.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13       **MANDATORY YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**  
14 **TRAINING; IMMUNITY.** (a) A school district, regional educational attendance area, and the

1 department shall annually provide youth suicide awareness and prevention training approved  
2 by the commissioner to each teacher, administrator, counselor, and specialist who is employed  
3 by the district, regional educational attendance area, or department to provide services to  
4 students in grades seven through 12 in a public school in the state at no cost to the teacher,  
5 administrator, counselor, or specialist.

6 (b) The commissioner shall approve youth suicide awareness and prevention training  
7 provided under this section if the training is not less than two hours each year, meets  
8 standards for professional continuing education credit in the state, and is periodically  
9 reviewed by a qualified person or committee for consistency with generally accepted  
10 principles of youth suicide awareness and prevention. The training may be offered through  
11 videoconferencing or an individual program of study of designated materials.

12 (c) A person may not bring a civil action for damages against the state or a school  
13 district, or an officer, agent, or employee of the state or a school district for a death, personal  
14 injury, or property damage that results from an act or omission in performing or failing to  
15 perform activities or duties authorized under this section. This subsection does not apply to a  
16 civil action for damages as a result of intentional misconduct with complete disregard for the  
17 safety and property of others. In this subsection, "school district" has the meaning given  
18 "district" in AS 14.17.990.

19 (d) The training provided or the failure to provide training under this section may not  
20 be construed to impose a specific duty of care on any person.

21 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act is repealed July 1, 2016.