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Expand on how the Department is already providing training and support on the topics listed under Section 2 of HB60.

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) provides a variety of training opportunities for educators that align with topics listed under Section 2 of HB60. A list is provided below:

- **Health** – DEED provides support, training, and technical assistance on a variety of health topics to districts and schools as requested or through annual training events such as the School Health and Wellness Institute. DEED also has close partnerships with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health, to provide up to date information and resources and training on a variety of health topics. This includes free training and curriculum materials for the Fourth R, which is a comprehensive health Education Curriculum for grades 7-9.
- **Personal safety** – This is the broad term that is used to mainly talk about child sexual abuse and teen dating violence which are covered under both this statute as well as Alaska Statute (AS) 14.30.355 and AS 14.30.356. Refer to the “Identification and prevention of child abuse, neglect and sexual abuse, domestic violence” bullet for specifics on those training topics.
- **Alcohol & drug abuse** – DEED has the following eLearning courses available: Opioids 101, Narcan administration, and Electric cigarettes. DEED also works with the DHSS, Office of Substance Abuse Misuse and Addiction Prevention to provide resources and information to schools.
- **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)** – DEED’s restraint and seclusion [website](http://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/restraint) (education.alaska.gov/safeschools/restraint) lists our trainers.
- **Early cancer prevention and detection** – No specific training available, but DEED works with the DHSS, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion section to make guidance and resources available.
- **Dental health** – No specific training, but DEED works with the DHSS, Oral Health Program to provide resources and information to schools.
- **Family health including infant care** – No specific training available, but DEED works with the DHSS, Women’s, Children’s and Family Health section to make guidance and resources available.
- **Environmental health** – No specific training available, but DEED works with the DHSS, Environmental Health Program to provide resources and information to schools.
- **Mental health** – DEED provides many trainings on mental health.
 - eLearning courses for educators: Four (4) suicide prevention and 12 trauma courses.
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid training is available to all Alaskans; to date over 6,000 educators have been trained. This training is for adults who work with youth and it teaches them how to recognize typical and atypical signs and symptoms of adolescent development. It takes them through the rubric ALGEE for non-suicidal and suicidal

action: **Access** for risk and Harm; **Listen** non-judgmentally; **Give** reassurance and information; **Encourage** self-help; and **Encourage** professional help.

- DEED has also created in our eClassroom Suicide prevention lessons that teachers can use with students grades 5-12 called “Navigating Transitions.”
- **Identification and prevention of child abuse, neglect and sexual abuse, domestic violence** – DEED provides a significant amount of training, technical assistance, and support around these topics.
 - DEED has two eLearning courses available: Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training for Educators.
 - State Developed Curriculum for the Alaska Safe Children’s Act: Bree’s Law Education is comprised of three separate age and developmentally appropriate bands for grades 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. Each grade band contains 5 modules that are approximately 30-45 minutes long. It meets the full requirements for student training under the Alaska Safe Children’s Act, including requirements for Bree’s Law and Erin’s Law and is designed to help prevent childhood sexual abuse and teen dating abuse.
 - DEED also partners with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to provide resources, support, and information to schools.
- **Appropriate use of health services** – No specific training available.

Provide how many of the topics listed under Section 2 of HB60 are already being done by districts.

Although DEED offers training for educators, the department does not collect specific course or program level data from districts.