

SENATE BILL NO. 137

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

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.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 14.20.690. Mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention**
9 **training.** (a) A school district, regional educational attendance area, and the
10 department shall annually provide youth suicide awareness and prevention training
11 approved by the commissioner to each teacher, administrator, counselor, and specialist
12 who is employed by the district, regional educational attendance area, or department to
13 provide services to students in grades seven through 12 in a public school in the state
14 at no cost to the teacher, administrator, counselor, or specialist.

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