March 22, 2018 - Offered by Representative BAllweg.

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

1. Page 1, line 6: after “handguns” insert “and school safety hotline”.

2. Page 1, line 9: after that line insert:

   “SECTION 1h. 165.35 of the statutes is created to read:

   165.35 School safety hotline. (1) The department of justice, working in conjunction with the departments of health services and public instruction, shall enter into a contract with a public or private entity to operate a 24-hour per day hotline for receiving reports and other information from the public regarding potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts directed at students in grades kindergarten through 12, school employees, or schools in this state. The hotline shall allow reports and information to be submitted in a variety of online or
wireless communications platforms. The departments shall provide information about the hotline on their Web sites.

(2) (a) The department of justice, working in conjunction with the departments of health services and public instruction, shall exercise operational and administrative oversight of the hotline under sub. (1).

(b) An individual submitting a report or other information may remain anonymous. All reports and information submitted to the hotline shall be kept confidential except as follows:

1. Any of the 3 departments may review any report and information submitted through the hotline.

2. Any of the 3 departments or the entity that operates the hotline may direct reports and information to law enforcement, school officials, or service providers as needed.

3. Any information or report that suggests that a psychiatric emergency is occurring within a county shall be immediately referred to the appropriate county department under s. 51.42.

(c) The department of justice, working in conjunction with the departments of health services and public instruction, shall ensure that appropriate training is provided to personnel responding to hotline reports and information in all of the following areas:

1. Crisis management, including recognizing mental illness and emotional disturbance.

2. Resources that are available for providing mental health treatment and other human services.
3. Any other area any of the 3 departments determines to be relevant to the
operation and administration of the hotline.

(3) The department of justice shall work in conjunction with the departments
of health services and public instruction to do all of the following:

(a) Develop a source of information on available community mental health
resources and contacts, including mental health services.

(b) Notify schools and law enforcement of the information source developed
under par. (a).

(c) Recommend that, if the investigation of a case indicates that mental illness
or emotional disturbance is involved, schools and law enforcement use the
information source under par. (a) to aid subjects of the investigation and their
parents or guardians.

(4) The entity that operates the hotline under sub. (1) shall maintain any report
or information submitted to the hotline for at least one year.

(5) The department of justice shall annually submit to the appropriate
standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) a report on the hotline
under sub. (1).".

(END)