



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0200 - Mental Health Training Programs

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mental health training programs

Under current law, DPI must establish a mental health training program under which it provides training to school district and independent charter school staff on three specific evidence-based strategies related to addressing mental health issues in schools. The three specific evidence-based strategies are 1) The Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment program, 2) Trauma Sensitive Schools, and 3) Youth Mental Health First Aid.

The bill expands the mental health training program to include training on any evidence-based strategy related to addressing mental health issues and suicide prevention in schools and converts the list of evidence-based strategies under current law to a nonexclusive list of strategies. Additionally, the bill requires that DPI provide the training to out-of-school-time program employees.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 115.28 (63) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.28 **(63)** MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM. (intro.) Establish a mental health training support program under which the department provides training on all of the following evidence-based strategies related to addressing mental health issues in schools to school district staff and, instructional staff of charter schools under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), and individuals employed by an out-of-school-time program, as defined in s. 115.449 (1), on evidence-based strategies related to addressing mental health needs and suicide prevention in schools, including all of the following:

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