



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1020

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education*

1 **An Act to revise the method by which completion of a required suicide awareness**  
 2 **and prevention training is verified.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 13-42-71 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-42-71.** ~~The South Dakota Board of Education Standards shall promulgate rules,~~  
 6 ~~pursuant to chapter 1-26, to include a minimum of one hour of suicide awareness and~~  
 7 ~~prevention training as a requirement that an applicant must meet in order to be issued an~~  
 8 ~~initial certificate and a renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator, or other educational~~  
 9 ~~professional. Prior to beginning employment at a school district or department-accredited~~  
 10 ~~school and every five years thereafter, an individual certified pursuant to this chapter and~~  
 11 ~~employed by a school district or department-accredited school must complete an approved~~  
 12 ~~youth suicide awareness and prevention training that is at least one hour in duration and~~  
 13 ~~shall submit a certificate showing completion of the approved training to the school district~~  
 14 ~~or department-accredited school where the individual is employed. The school district or~~  
 15 ~~department-accredited school shall retain the certificates submitted as a part of the~~  
 16 ~~documentation necessary to earn or maintain state accreditation.~~

17 ~~The board~~ South Dakota Board of Education Standards shall, ~~after consultation~~  
 18 ~~consult~~ with suicide prevention or counseling experts, ~~to~~ identify evidence-based  
 19 resources that will fulfill the youth suicide awareness and prevention training requirement  
 20 required by this section and shall make the list of the ~~resources~~ approved trainings  
 21 available to school districts, The and department-accredited schools. An individual may  
 22 complete a required training ~~required~~ may be accomplished through a self-review of youth  
 23 suicide prevention materials that meet the guidelines developed ~~are approved~~ by the  
 24 board. The requirement for suicide awareness and prevention training for initial  
 25 certification or to renew a certificate begins after July 1, 2017, provided that the training  
 26 issues a certificate of completion that contains:

- 1 (1) The name of the training completed;
- 2 (2) The name of the individual who completed the training;
- 3 (3) The length of the training completed; and
- 4 (4) The date on which the training was completed.