



# HOUSE BILL No. 5524

February 6, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Santana, Howrylak, Peterson, Dianda, Durhal, Love, Green, Scott, Byrd, Inman, Canfield, Vaupel, Lucido, Lasinski, Robinson, Chirkun, Zemke, Cambensy, Yanez, Hammoud, Chang, Geiss, LaGrand, Kesto, Gay-Dagnogo, Rabhi, Yaroch, Garrett, Kahle and Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1526b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 1526B. (1) NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
2        OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT, IN  
3        CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SHALL  
4        DEVELOP OR ADOPT A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR TEACHERS ON  
5        MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

6        (2) THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED  
7        UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON AT LEAST BOTH OF  
8        THE FOLLOWING:

9        (A) IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL RISK FACTORS AND WARNING SIGNS FOR  
10       MENTAL ILLNESSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEPRESSION,



1 DISORDERS, AND SELF-INJURY.

2 (B) STRATEGIES FOR HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING A MENTAL  
3 HEALTH CRISIS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ASSESSING RISK,  
4 LISTENING RESPECTFULLY, SUPPORTING THE INDIVIDUAL, AND IDENTIFYING  
5 PROFESSIONAL HELP AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

6 (3) THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE DEVELOPED OR ADOPTED  
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD THE PROFESSIONAL  
8 DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1527.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
10 after the date it is enacted into law.