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Md. Education Code Ann. § 6-122

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§ 6-122. Training for youth suicide risk and students in crisis.

(a) Except as provided in § 6-704.1 of this title and beginning on or before July 1, 2018, the State Board shall require all certificated school personnel who have direct contact with students on a regular basis to complete training on or before December 1 each year, by a method determined by each county board, in the skills required to:

- (1) Understand and respond to youth suicide risk;
- (2) Identify professional resources to help students in crisis;
- (3) Recognize student behavioral health issues;
- (4) Recognize students experiencing trauma or violence out of school and refer students to behavioral health services; and
- (5) If the school is a community school, support any students needing the services at a community school.

(b) The training required under subsection (a) of this section shall be:

- (1) Provided to certificated school personnel during an in-service program; or
- (2) A professional development requirement that may be met during time designated for professional development.

(c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

(d)

- (1) This section may not be construed to impose a duty of care on certificated school personnel who complete training under subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) Unless the acts or omissions of a certificated school employee who completed training under subsection (a) of this section are willful, wanton, or grossly negligent, a person may not bring an action against the county board for personal injury or wrongful death caused by



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§ 6-113.2. Screening of applicants; child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct investigations

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<Section effective until July 1, 2026. See, also, section 6-113.2 effective July 1, 2026.>

Definitions

(a)(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Child sexual abuse" has the meaning stated in § 6-113.1 of this subtitle.

(3)(i) "Contracting agency" means an entity that contracts with a county board or nonpublic school to provide a service to a school or the students of a school.

(ii) "Contracting agency" includes an entity that provides transportation to and from a school using a vehicle other than a Type I or Type II school vehicle, in accordance with § 7-801 of this article.

(4) "Direct contact with minors" means the care, supervision, guidance, or control of, or routine interaction with, a minor.

(5) "Emergent employee" means an employee hired by a county board or nonpublic school without completing the employment history review required under this section.

(6) "School" means a public or nonpublic school.

(7) "Sexual misconduct" has the meaning stated in § 6-113.1 of this subtitle.

Submission of information

(b) A county board, nonpublic school, or contracting agency shall require an applicant for a position involving direct contact with minors to submit:

(1) The contact information of the following employers:

(i) The current employer;

(ii) All former school employers, including employers for which the applicant was an emergent employee; and

(iii) All former employers of the applicant in which the applicant was employed in a position involving direct contact with minors within the previous 10 years;

(2) A written consent form, signed by the applicant, authorizing an employer listed under item (1) of this subsection to release all records relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct; and

(3) A written statement of whether the applicant:

(i) Has been the subject of a child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by any employer, arbitrator, county board, State licensing agency, law enforcement agency, or child protective services agency, unless the investigation resulted in a finding by:

RE: SB612 - Amendment Attachment



Baran, Kira

Fri 2/9/2024 11:49 AM

To: Salling, Johnny Ray Senator



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Action Items



Hey Danielle,

Per our phone conversation yesterday morning, I did some digging to confirm why some details of the attachments were not included in the bill text.

Section 23.0001 of the Texas Education Code begins on page 4 of the attachment you provided in this email thread:

1. Subsection (A) provides that a school district may employ a chaplain as a volunteer to provide support services to students and is not required to be certified by the State Board.
2. Subsection (B) requires the chaplain to comply with applicable employment requirements for volunteers.
3. Subsection (C) prohibits the school district from employing a volunteer chaplain who has been convicted of or disciplined for a sexual offense.

In the current bill text, we authorize the school board to employ a volunteer chaplain to provide support services to students by adding a provision to 6-106 of the Education Article.

We didn't include provisions regarding background checks, etc. because public schools are already required to do this for all volunteers without needing to specify for a specific type of volunteer under 6-113.2 of the Education Article.

Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,
Kira

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Subject: Re: SB612 - Amendment Attachment

Hi Kira,

Thank you so much for calling me. As discussed, I have attached the Texas code for you to model the amendment.