This bill includes training on recognizing teen dating violence in the training on out-of-school trauma that specified certificated school personnel must complete annually. Certificated personnel must also be trained in referring these students to behavioral health services. The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Education (SBE) can require all certificated school personnel who have direct contract with students on a regular basis to complete training and develop regulations using existing resources.

Local Effect: Local school systems expenditures may increase minimally to develop the training in FY 2023; any costs are likely absorbable by most systems. It is assumed that the training developed can be incorporated in the existing required training using existing resources; however, less time may be spent on existing training topics. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: SBE must require all certificated school personnel who have direct contract with students on a regular basis to complete training by December 1 each year, by a method determined by each local board of education, in the skills required to:

- understand and respond to youth suicide risk;
- identify professional resources to help students in crisis;
• recognize student behavioral health issues;
• recognize students experiencing trauma or violence out of school and refer students to behavioral health services; and
• if the school is a community school, support any students needing the services at a community school.

The training must 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.

SBE must adopt regulations to implement these requirements.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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