

Suicide Prevention/Education Training

This Act requires two hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention as a requirement for the renewal of credentials of individuals employed in a middle school or high school in the state. The Act requires the Department of Education to develop training guidelines and materials to be used in local school districts.

Submitted as:

South Carolina

[Jason Flatt Act](#)

Status: Became law in May 2012.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Title.*] This act may be cited as the "Jason Flatt Act".

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3 Section 2. [*Youth Suicide Prevention Teaching Training.*]

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5 (A) Beginning with the [*Insert school year*], the Department of Education shall require two
6 hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention as a requirement for the renewal of
7 credentials of individuals employed in a middle school or high school as defined in [*Insert citation.*]
8 The required training shall count toward the [*Insert number of*] renewal credits specified in
9 Department of Education regulations for renewal of credentials.

10 (B) (1) The department shall develop guidelines suitable for training and materials that may
11 be used by schools and districts; however districts may approve materials to be used in providing
12 training for employees.

13 (2) The training required in this section may be accomplished through self-review of
14 suicide prevention materials that meet guidelines developed by the Department of Education.

15 (C) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or
16 omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this section or resulting from any
17 training, or lack of training, required by this section unless the loss or damage was caused by wilful
18 or wanton misconduct. The training, or lack of training, required by the provisions of this section
19 must not be construed to impose any specific duty of care."

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21 Section 3. [*Severability.*] Insert severability clause.

22 Section 4. [*Repealer.*] Insert repealer clause.

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24 Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] Insert effective date.