

# HOUSE BILL No. 5154

December 15, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Lucido and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1171 (MCL 380.1171), as added by 2006 PA 324.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1171. (1) The board of a school district or board of  
2       directors of a public school academy ~~is encouraged to~~ **SHALL** provide  
3       age-appropriate instruction for pupils and professional development  
4       for school personnel concerning the warning signs and risk factors  
5       for suicide and depression and the protective factors that help  
6       prevent suicide. The instruction and professional development shall  
7       be designed to achieve the following goals:

8       (a) To prevent both fatal and nonfatal suicide behaviors among  
9       youth.

10       (b) To increase pupil awareness of the warning signs and risk

1 factors for suicide and depression.

2 (c) To improve access to appropriate prevention services for  
3 vulnerable youth groups.

4 (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a  
5 public school academy is encouraged to work with school personnel  
6 and local or state organizations and resources specializing in  
7 suicide prevention and awareness.

8 (3) The department shall develop or select model programs and  
9 materials on suicide prevention and awareness that are appropriate  
10 for the purposes of this section, such as the Michigan model for  
11 comprehensive school health education, and shall make those model  
12 programs and materials available to school districts and public  
13 school academies.

14 (4) If a school district or public school academy provides  
15 instruction described in subsection (1), the board of the school  
16 district or board of directors of the public school academy shall  
17 notify the parents of all pupils of each school in which the  
18 instruction is provided about the instruction using the  
19 communication method the school district or public school academy  
20 normally uses for regular communications with parents.

21 (5) Failure of a school district or public school academy to  
22 comply with subsection (4) does not create a cause of action or  
23 constitute a breach of any legal duty in a civil action.

24 (6) This section shall be known as the "Chase Edwards law".

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