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152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FORMERLY
SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 304

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGULATORY PROVISIONS FOR NONACADEMIC TRAINING AND RELATED RESOURCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 4162, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4162. Child safety awareness, prevention, and other nonacademic trainings [For applicability of section, see 83 Del. Laws, c. 407, § 2].

(a) Each school district and charter school shall require its employees to receive ~~12.5~~ 9 hours of training every 3 years consisting of all of the following:

(2) ~~Three hours~~ One hour of a school bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training program established under § 4164(a) of this title.

(3) ~~Four and one-half~~ Three hours of a suicide prevention training program established under § 4165(a) of this title, with each school district and charter school employee receiving ~~90~~ 60 minutes of ~~such~~ suicide prevention training each year.

(b) Each school district and charter school shall require a school administrator, school nurse, or school counselor serving 1 or more of the grades in grades 7 through 12 to receive ~~2 hours~~ 1 hour of a teen dating violence and sexual assault training program established under § 4166(a) of this title every 3 years. This training may be included in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a school district or charter school shall require all of the following:

(2) That a new school administrator, school nurse, or school counselor serving 1 or more of the grades in grades 7 through 12 in a school district or charter school receive ~~2 hours~~ 1 hour of a teen dating violence and sexual assault training program established under § 4166(a) of this title within 1 year of employment in ~~such~~ that position.

(3) That a new school district or charter school employee receive 1 hour of bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training program established under § 4164(a) of this title within 1 year of employment in that position.

(4) That a new school district or charter school employee receive 1 hour of a suicide prevention training program established under § 4165(a) of this title within 1 year of employment in that position.

(g) The Department of Education shall develop regulations that create a schedule for all trainings under this section.

Section 2. Amend § 4163, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4163. Child abuse and child safety awareness, prevention, detection, and reporting [For applicability of section, see 83 Del. Laws, c. 407, § 2] [Effective until Nov. 6, 2024].

(b) *Educational programming.* —

The Child Protection Accountability Commission and the Division of Family Services of the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families shall identify and maintain educational programming to be used by each school district and charter school for informing school district and charter school employees, students, and parents about personal body safety and child abuse and about how to detect and report child abuse. The Child Protection Accountability Commission and the Division of Family Services of the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, in collaboration with the Department of Education, must review the educational programming and trainings under this subsection (b) every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the educational programming and trainings as needed to be relevant to Delaware students and conform with best practices. The educational programming must include all of the following:

Section 3. Amend § 4164, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4164. School bullying awareness and prevention; criminal youth gang detection.

(a) *School bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training program.* —

The Department of Justice and the Department of Education, in collaboration with law-enforcement agencies, the Delaware State Education Association, the Delaware School Boards Association, and the Delaware Association of School Administrators, shall identify and maintain a school bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training program for school district and charter school employees. The Department of Justice and the Department of Education, in collaboration with law-enforcement agencies, the Delaware State Education Association, the Delaware School Boards Association, and the Delaware Association of School Administrators, must review these trainings every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the trainings as needed to be relevant to Delaware students and conform with best practices.

Section 4. Amend § 4165, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4165. Suicide awareness and prevention.

(a) *Suicide prevention training program.* —

The Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Services for Children, Youth and ~~their~~ Their Families, and the Department of Education shall identify and maintain a suicide prevention training program for school district and charter school employees that is evidence-based, whenever available. The Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, and the Department of Education must review these trainings every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the trainings as needed to be relevant to Delaware students and conform with best practices.

Section 5. Amend § 4166, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4166. Teen dating violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention.

(a) *Teen dating violence and sexual assault training program.* —

The Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council shall identify and maintain a teen dating violence and sexual assault training program for school administrators, school nurses, and school counselors serving 1 or more of the grades in grades 7 through 12. The Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, in collaboration with the Department of Education, must review these trainings every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the trainings as needed to be relevant to Delaware students and conform with best practices.

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