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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to continuing education or inservice
 training for public school personnel; creating s.
 1012.583, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of
 Education to develop recommendations to incorporate
 instruction in suicide prevention into continuing
 education or inservice training requirements;
 requiring the Department of Education to incorporate
 the recommendations into existing requirements;
 authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt
 rules; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1012.583, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

1012.583 Continuing education or inservice training in
 suicide prevention.—

(1) The Legislature recognizes the importance of educating
 public school personnel in the prevention of youth suicide and
 providing public school personnel with access to suicide
 prevention educational resources.

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall develop
 recommendations to incorporate instruction in suicide prevention
 into continuing education or inservice training requirements for
 instructional and administrative personnel. These
 recommendations shall include, but are not limited to,
 instruction regarding the use of available state and local

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29 educational resources that promote awareness about, and
30 prevention of, youth suicide.

31 (3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the
32 Department of Education shall incorporate the recommendations of
33 the commissioner into existing requirements for the continuing
34 education or inservice training of instructional and
35 administrative personnel. The requirements of this section may
36 not add to the total hours required for continuing education or
37 inservice training as currently established by the department.

38 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules pursuant
39 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.