



# School Safety & Student Well-being Legislation



Kids need to *be safe* in schools. Kids need to *feel safe* in schools.

## **HB 1216/SB 5317: Regional Safety Centers**

Most local school districts would benefit from additional support through the Educational Service Districts (ESDs), especially in rural areas where resources tend to be fewer and geographically dispersed. This measure would create “Regional Safety Centers” across the state to provide training, support, and coordination to educators and students.

*(Rep. Laurie Dolan D-22 / Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-41)*

## **HB 1221: Youth suicide prevention**

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-19. One in five 10<sup>th</sup> graders considered attempting suicide.

This bill would call for more training for teachers and school staff on suicide awareness, recognition, prevention, and response. *(Rep. Tina Orwall, D-33)*

## **SB 5141: Concerning school resource officer mandatory training and policies**

School districts with school resource officers must confirm that the officers have received training.

These districts must also review and adopt agreements with the local law enforcement agency, using a process that involves students, parents and community members. *(Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-41)*

### HB 1265: Increasing access to school guidance counselors

This bill would phase in increased allocations for guidance counselors and require 80% of their time be spent providing direct services to students.

*(Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self, D-21)*

### HB 1106: Eliminating detention for violation of a truancy-related court order

Juvenile detention for truancy is an outdated, punitive, and ineffective punishment.

By taking this step, the legislature is ensuring that school districts and courts are initiating and employing all trauma-informed and evidenced-based truancy reduction tools. *(Rep. Tina Orwall, D-33)*

### HB 1479: Building capacity within the educator workforce to improve student mental health

Creates a workgroup to make recommendations for standards and professional development courses on student mental health. *(Rep. Tana Senn, D-41)*

### SB 5315: Increasing student support staff in the prototypical school funding model

Additional resources would be provided to school districts to fund nurses, social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors. School districts with the highest percentages of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunches would be funded first.

*(Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-41)*

### SB 5027: Extreme Risk Protection Orders

Courts would be able to issue Extreme Risk Protection Orders against minors who are at a high risk of hurting themselves or others during a behavioral health crisis, or through potentially violent behavior.

Parents and guardians of the minor would be notified, and legally obligated to secure any weapons. *(Sen. David Frockt, D-46)*

### HB 1434: Youth detention

Eliminating the use of the valid court order exception to place youth in detention for noncriminal behavior. *(Rep. Noel Frame, D-36)*