

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB199

Bill as
Introduced

SB 199 - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-0912

06/04

SENATE BILL

199

AN ACT

requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Morse, Dist 22; Rep. Abrami, Rock. 19

COMMITTEE:

Education and Workforce Development

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring annual training in suicide awareness and prevention for teachers and administrators.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Short Title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Flatt Act of 2019."
- 2 2 New Paragraph; Duties of State Board of Education. Amend RSA 186:11 by inserting after
3 paragraph XXXVII the following new paragraph:
4 XXXVIII. Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A,
5 requiring every teacher, supervisor, and administrator in the public schools of this state to receive
6 at least 2 hours of training in suicide awareness and prevention annually and establish a penalty
7 for noncompliance.
- 8 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Education and Workforce Development

Sen Jay Kahn, Chair
Sen Jeanne Dietsch, Vice Chair
Sen Jon Morgan, Member
Sen Ruth Ward, Member
Sen David Starr, Member

Date: February 20, 2019

HEARINGS

Tuesday	03/05/2019	
(Day)	(Date)	
Education and Workforce Development	LOB 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	SB 282-FN	relative to suicide prevention education in schools.
9:45 a.m.	SB 199	requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.
10:15 a.m.	SB 108	relative to eligibility for the governor's scholarship program. (THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 108 WAS RECESSED ON 01-29-19)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 282-FN

Sen. Bradley
Sen. D'Allesandro
Sen. Gray
Sen. Morse
Rep. M. Smith

Sen. Birdsell
Sen. Dietsch
Sen. Hennessey
Sen. Sherman
Rep. Marsh

Sen. Carson
Sen. Feltes
Sen. Levesque
Sen. Ward
Rep. Danielson

Sen. Chandley
Sen. Fuller Clark
Sen. Morgan
Sen. Watters
Rep. Hennessey

SB 199

Sen. Ward
Sen. Gray

Sen. Birdsell
Sen. Morse

Sen. Bradley
Rep. Abrami

Sen. Carson

SB 108

Sen. Fuller Clark

Sen. Kahn

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

Jay Kahn
Chairman

Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee
Tricia Melillo 271-3077

SB 199, requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.

Hearing Date: March 5, 2019

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Kahn, Dietsch, Morgan, Ward and Starr

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring annual training in suicide awareness and prevention for teachers and administrators.

Sponsors:

Sen. Ward

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Bradley

Sen. Carson

Sen. Gray

Sen. Morse

Rep. Abrami

Who supports the bill: Governor Chris Sununu, Senator Ward, Senator Gray, Senator Birdsell, Senator Carson, Representative Gates Lucas, Ken Norton, Candace Moulton, Danielle Bence, Donna Milhot-Dorweter, Maura Garber, , Maura Willing, Jeanne Torpey, Susan Paschell, Kathy Cahill, Linda Mottlage, Scott McGuffin, Susan Paschell, Ruth Pevencluch, Cheri Falk, Danielle Benz.

Who opposes the bill: Jerry Frew, Nicole Heimarck.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Ward

- This bill will require the state board of education to require annual training in suicide awareness.
- Teachers are aware of children with special needs, but autism can be very different and when bullied can react with more severe consequences, such as suicide.
- She hopes this bill will be able to protect our children.
- Senator Morgan asked where the funding will come from for this training. Senator Ward stated that will have to be looked at, but she suggested wherever funds come for continuing education may work for this program

Danielle Benz

- She had met with Senator Ward regarding her nine year old son, who was autistic, and hung himself.
- At his school he was constantly bullied and took it literal when a bully told him to go kill himself.
- There were signs at school that he was suicidal, but without proper training the staff and other students did not recognize them.
- The school does not know how to deal with the aftermath of his suicide and therefore are insensitive to actions that may trigger anxiety in other students.
- The district has made no improvements on dealing with suicide risks even though they lost a student.
- Teachers and staff are unaware of how to talk to students about mental health and suicide.
- Senator Ward asked if she thought SB 282 would cover everything she would like to see in suicide prevention training. Ms. Benz replied that SB 282 was comprehensive and would be a great step forward.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Jerry Frew – NH School Administrators Association

- He is not opposed to the intent of this bill but thinks SB 282 is more comprehensive.
- In this bill, the two hours of training for teachers is too descriptive.
- The NHSAA finds the punitive measure for non-compliance objectionable and likes that SB 282 provides an immunity provision.

Nicole Heimarck – NH School Board Association

- She agrees with the previous speaker.
- SB 282 is more comprehensive and provides training for both students and teachers.
- The NHSBA puts their support behind SB 282.

Neutral Information Presented: None

Speakers

Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: March 5, 2019 Time: 9:45 a.m.

SB 199 AN ACT requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.

Name/Representing (please print neatly)

Name/Representing	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
Sen Ruth Ward SD#8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sen James Gray SD#6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sen Regina Birdsell SD#19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Frew NHSAA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KEN NORTON NAMI NH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Megan Tuttle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candace Moulton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danule Bence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donna Melhot-Dorweiler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maura Garber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SENATOR SHARON CARSON SD#14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maura Willing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GOVERNOR CHRIS SUNUNU CSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Kimarch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Gates Lucas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Torpey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Paschell NH Community Behavioral Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KATHY CAHILL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Mattlage / self	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Voting Sheets

**Senate Education & Workforce Development
Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2019 Session**

Bill # 199

Hearing date: 3-5-19

Executive Session date: 3-5-19

Motion of: ITL Vote: 4-1

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Kahn, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Dietsch, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Sen. Starr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Ward

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

THE COMMITTEE ON Education and Workforce Development

to which was referred **SB 199**

AN ACT

requiring teachers to have training in suicide and
bullying awareness and prevention.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 4-1

Senator Ruth Ward
For the Committee

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

Docket of SB199

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: requiring teachers to have training in suicide and bullying awareness and prevention.

Official Docket of **SB199**:

Date	Body	Description
1/22/2019	S	Introduced 01/03/2019 and Referred to Education and Workforce Development; SJ 4
2/20/2019	S	Hearing: 03/05/2019, Room 103, LOB, 09:45 am; SC 12
3/5/2019	S	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate, 03/14/2019; SC 13
3/14/2019	S	Inexpedient to Legislate, MA, VV === BILL KILLED ===; 03/14/2019; SJ 8

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 199

Senate Committee: Ed + WFD

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate ___ as amended by the house

___ final version

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