

## CHAPTER 80

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**HOUSE BILL 06-1098**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Cloer, Benefield, Berens, Boyd, Kerr, Larson, Marshall, McFadyen, McGihon, Merrifield, Ragsdale, Solano, Stafford, Sullivan, and Todd;  
also SENATOR(S) Keller, Groff, Hanna, Isgar, Sandoval, Shaffer, Tapia, Tochtrop, Tupa, Williams, and Windels.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF MENTAL HEALTH IN-SERVICE PROGRAMS IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 22-60.5-110 (3) (b) and 22-60.5-110 (3) (c) (IX) and (3) (c) (X), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-60.5-110 (3) (c) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

**22-60.5-110. Renewal of licenses.** (3) (b) A professional licensee shall complete such ongoing professional development within the period of time for which such professional license is valid. Such professional development may include, but need not be limited to, in-service education PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PROGRAMS CONCERNING JUVENILE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF YOUTH SUICIDE; college or university credit from an accepted institution of higher education or a community, technical, or junior college; educational travel that meets the requirements specified in paragraph (d) of this subsection (3); involvement in school reform; internships; and ongoing professional development training and experiences. The state board of education, by rule, ~~and regulation,~~ may establish minimum criteria for professional development; except that such criteria shall not:

(c) In selecting professional development activities for the renewal of a professional license pursuant to this section, each licensee shall choose those activities that will aid the licensee in meeting the standards for a professional

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

educator, including but not limited to the following goals:

(IX) Achievement as a continuous learner who encourages and supports personal and professional development of self and others; ~~and~~

(X) Effective organization and management of human and financial resources to create a safe and effective working and learning environment; AND

(XI) AWARENESS OF WARNING SIGNS OF DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR IN YOUTH AND SITUATIONS THAT PRESENT A THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2006); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: March 31, 2006