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First Engrossment

Subject School safety assessment teams

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Overview

This bill requires school districts to establish safety assessment teams and provides duties of team. The bill also appropriates money for safety assessment grants.

Summary

Section Description

1 School safety assessment

Subd. 1. School safety assessment. Defines a school safety assessment.

Subd. 2. Policy. Requires a school board to adopt a policy to establish safety assessment teams to conduct school safety assessments. Requires a safety assessment policy to be consistent with crisis management policy and state special education laws and federal regulations, and with guidance provided by the School Safety Center. Sets other requirements for policy.

Subd. 3. Oversight. Requires the superintendent of a district to establish a committee or individual to exercise oversight of the safety assessment teams.

Subd. 4. Safety assessment teams. Requires a district to establish a safety assessment team that includes individuals with expertise in certain areas. Provides duties of safety assessment teams. Requires a safety assessment team to immediately report a determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to self or others, to the superintendent. Requires superintendent to provide notice to parent. Requires team to consider services to address the student's underlying behavior or mental health issues. Requires team to provide data related to safety assessment to parent of subject of assessment upon request, after threat has been addressed. Requires team to follow district's suicide prevention policy. States that nothing in section prevents school official from acting to immediately address imminent threat or modifies district's obligation under disability laws.

Subd. 5. Redisclosure. Prohibits a safety assessment team member from redisclosing educational records or use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which the disclosure was made to the safety assessment team. States that section does not prohibit disclosure of records in accordance with

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state and federal law. Requires a district to notify a parent when data related to a safety assessment is provided to a law enforcement official who is not a member of the safety assessment team, unless notice to the parent is not in the student's best interests.

2 Appropriations

Appropriates money for safety assessment grants.



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