

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The State Board of Education strives to prevent targeted violence against self or others in schools through the use of behavioral threat assessment and management teams in school districts and public charter schools. The proposed legislation would codify the establishment of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Teams (BTAM) in K-12 schools. This legislation would also establish model guidelines and provide training for local BTAM teams based on best practices. Finally, it would ensure that teams established, trained, and that acted in good faith and substantial conformance with the model guidelines and the legislation not be held liable for a failure to prevent an act of violence.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation would carry a fiscal impact to provide for the development of model guidelines as well as the development and implementation of training statewide. The specific financial impact is estimated at approximately \$300,000 across five years. It is estimated that \$50,000 in year one would be specific to program development costs and that \$50,000 in each of five years would be earmarked for training and implementation costs.

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