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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 41 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Sylvia Santana  
Committee: Education and Career Readiness

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- Require the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and State associations representing mental health professionals to develop or adopt a professional development standard for professional development for teachers on mental health first aid within one year after the bill's effective date.
- Require the standards to include coverage on the identification of potential risk factors and warning signs for mental illness, and strategies for helping an individual experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Allow the professional development on mental health first aid to be counted towards the required five days of professional development required under Section 1527 of the Code, if the professional development met the standards prescribed in the bill.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Education and local units of government. The MDE would experience a minimal fiscal impact to conduct research on various professional development courses. If the Department adopted a course instead of developing one, it would experience fewer administrative costs. Intermediate school districts, school districts, and charter schools could experience reduced costs if they would have otherwise devoted resources to research and develop professional development courses for mental health first aid locally.

The bill would lead to indeterminant minor costs for the DHHS resulting from the requirement that it work with the Department of Education to develop or adopt a professional development course on mental health first aid.

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