

To Whom It May Concern:

As a tax-paying resident of the state of Kansas I write you in support of Senate Bill No. 323; An Act concerning school districts; creating the Jason Platt act; requiring suicide prevention training for school district personnel. Per the Fiscal Note for SB 323, dated 1/20/16, "enactment of SB 323 would have NO FISCAL EFFECT for the state". However, it may have a tremendous impact in preventing future suicide attempts by Kansas youth.

According to recent KS data from KDHE in January 2015:

- Suicide was also the 10th leading cause of death in Kansas in 2013, responsible for 426 deaths.

According to recent U.S. data from SAVE.org:

- 1 in 100,000 children ages 10 to 14 die by suicide each year. (NIMH)
- 7 in 100,000 youth ages 15 to 19 die by suicide each year. (NIMH)
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year old Americans. (CDC)

- The prevalence of suicidal thoughts, suicidal planning and suicide attempts is significantly higher among adults aged 18-29 than among adults aged 30+. (CDC)

Please add my name to those who support Senate Bill 323.

Thank You,

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