

HB 1479 - DIGEST

Requires the professional educator standards board to:
(1) Convene a work group to make recommendations for standards and professional development courses on student mental health and well-being;

(2) Based on the recommendations of the work group, adopt, require educators to meet, and implement a continuing education program that meets the knowledge, skill, and performance standards related to student mental health and well-being; and

(3) Collaborate with the University of Washington Bothell on the development of a series of online courses for school staff related to behavioral health.

Requires school districts to use one of the funded professional learning days to improve the effectiveness of school district staff in addressing student mental health needs and implementing best practices in social-emotional learning.

Provides an August 1, 2021, expiration date for the work group.