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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2022**

including a statement of deficiencies, and the hospital's final plan of correction for any identified deficiencies that is accepted by the health care facility accrediting organization. Survey findings, a statement of deficiencies and the hospital's final plan of correction provided pursuant to this subsection are confidential.

**3. Nonaccredited hospitals.** If a hospital is certified to participate in the federal Medicare program and is not accredited by a health care facility accrediting organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the department shall inspect the hospital every 3 years for compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions of participation.

**4. Hospitals not exempt.** The provisions of subsections 2 and 3 do not exempt a hospital from an inspection by the department in response to a complaint or suspected violation of this chapter or of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions of participation or an inspection by another state agency or municipality for building code, fire code, life safety code or other purposes unrelated to health care facility licensing or accreditation.

For purposes of this section, "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" means the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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**CHAPTER 542**

**H.P. 1380 - L.D. 1870**

**An Act Regarding the Maine School Safety Center**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6557,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. HH, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §19, is amended to read:

**§6557. Maine School Safety Center**

The Maine School Safety Center, referred to in this section as "the center," is established within the department to ~~ensure~~ assist schools in their efforts to provide for the overall safety of ~~schools in this State~~ their school community. The primary role of the center is to provide training, guidance and technical support to schools in this State regarding ~~safety and security~~ their efforts to safely mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from all hazards and threats.

**1. Purposes.** The purposes of the center are to:

A. Serve as a central location for school safety and security information, training and technical assistance related to successful implementation of school safety and security programs in schools;

B. Be a resource for the prevention of youth violence;

C. Promote overall school safety by developing recommendations to support a positive school climate and multiple-hazard mitigation and response plans;

D. Develop and provide school emergency management, training, guidance and technical support to include information provided by persons with expertise in the relevant subject matter in the development of the center's school safety specialist education program;

E. Promote, develop and implement technical support and training for a behavioral threat assessment program;

F. Facilitate and assist local schools and public safety stakeholders in preventing, preparing for and responding to threats and acts of violence, including self-harm, through a holistic, solution-based approach to improving school safety; and

G. Advise and make recommendations to the department on policies and legislation related to the overall safety of schools and school communities.

**2. Collaboration.** The center shall work collaboratively with all appropriate stakeholders in furtherance of its purposes as set out in subsection 1.

**3. Services to schools.** The center is responsible for providing the following services to schools in the State:

A. Training, including school safety specialist training and credentialing in a school emergency management education program;

B. Mental health and behavioral threat assessment;

C. Site assessment and school climate assessment;

D. Planning and emergency operation plan review and exercises;

E. Training, procedures and best practices for school resource officers and officers that may have interactions with youth;

F. Best practices and policy recommendations and review;

G. Administrative assistance;

H. Restorative justice assistance and assistance regarding alternatives to traditional discipline; and

I. Contracted school safety services.

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