

# Senate signs off on bills from Assembly task forces on suicide prevention, adoption

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The Senate signed off on two of the seven bills from a package created out of the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention.

It also approved one of eight bills from the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption.

All three now head to the gov's desk.

The suicide bills include:

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\*AB 528, which would require the Department of Public Instruction to establish a grant program for students who support peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs in public, private and tribal high schools. DPI may award each school up to \$1,000 each year for up to three years when they establish a suicide prevention program. Schools that already have such programs would be eligible for grants, too. But under the bill, new schools would receive priority for the grant money. It was approved 32-0.

\*AB 531, which would require all student ID cards to have suicide prevention phone numbers printed on them. It was approved via voice vote.

AB 564 came out of the adoption task force. It was designed to expand the eligibility for adoption assistance for "special needs adoptions." It was approved via voice vote.