

## Requiring Teachers to have Mental Health Training

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Mental illness is a growing problem in America, with 1 in 5 students suffering with mental health issues. This leads to an increase in the likelihood of violence and conflict, and ultimately the situation can escalate into a school shooting. This solution aims to prevent tragic events like this from happening, and addresses the UN Sustainable Development goal of quality education and health and well-being. Though more direct efforts could be taken such as tightening gun control, these types of laws are difficult to pass. Therefore, our policy is to require teachers to have mental health training so that they will be able to recognize problems in students, and reach out before the problem worsens.