

1 AN ACT related to veteran suicide prevention.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs shall create a Kentucky Veteran*  
6 *Suicide Prevention Program, which shall be administered by the office of the*  
7 *commissioner.*
- 8 *(2) For the purposes of this section, "program" means the Kentucky Veteran Suicide*  
9 *Prevention Program.*
- 10 *(3) The mission of the program shall be to prevent death by suicide within the*  
11 *population of Kentucky veterans. All program managers within the department*  
12 *shall participate in furthering the program's mission. The program shall develop*  
13 *a statewide network of partners including state government and private actors to*  
14 *further this mission.*
- 15 *(4) The program shall include components which increase awareness regarding*  
16 *veteran suicide, train department employees in identifying and engaging veterans*  
17 *at suicidal risk, and any other components deemed necessary to further the*  
18 *program's mission.*
- 19 *(5) The department may receive, accept, and solicit grants, contributions of money,*  
20 *property, labor, or other things of value from any governmental agency,*  
21 *individual, nonprofit organization, or private business to be used for the*  
22 *program. Any contribution of this nature shall be deemed to be a contribution to*  
23 *a state agency for a public purpose and shall be treated as restricted funds under*  
24 *KRS Chapter 45 and reported according to KRS Chapter 48, and shall not be*  
25 *subject to restrictions set forth under KRS Chapter 11A.*
- 26 *(6) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with*  
27 *KRS Chapter 13A as necessary to effectuate this section.*