

HOUSE BILL 1273

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Employees – Suicide Awareness and Prevention**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that each State employee shall have the opportunity~~
5 ~~to attend a certain suicide awareness and prevention program selected by the~~
6 ~~head of each principal unit; requiring the suicide awareness and prevention~~
7 ~~program to include certain topics; requiring the suicide awareness and~~
8 ~~prevention program to be provided to each State employee each year in a certain~~
9 ~~manner~~ requiring the Department of Budget and Management to declare a
10 certain week each year to be “Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week”;
11 requiring the Department of Budget and Management to transmit in a certain
12 manner certain information to certain heads of principal units; requiring
13 certain heads of principal units to transmit certain information in a certain
14 manner to certain State employees; requiring the Secretary of Budget and
15 Management and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to study a
16 certain issue and report the findings of the study by a certain date to the House
17 Appropriations Committee; providing for the termination of certain sections of
18 this Act; and generally relating to State employees and a suicide awareness and
19 prevention program.

20 BY adding to

21 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 2-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Suicide Awareness and
 2 Prevention ~~Program~~"
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

8 **SUBTITLE 8. SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION ~~PROGRAM~~.**

9 **2-801.**

10 ~~(A) EACH STATE EMPLOYEE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO~~
 11 ~~ATTEND A SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SELECTED BY THE~~
 12 ~~HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT~~ THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
 13 MANAGEMENT SHALL DECLARE ONE WEEK EACH YEAR TO BE "SUICIDE
 14 AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK".

15 ~~(B) (1) THE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL~~
 16 ~~INCLUDE~~ DURING SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK, THE
 17 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL TRANSMIT
 18 ELECTRONICALLY TO THE HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT INFORMATION THAT
 19 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

20 ~~(1)~~ (I) THE WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE;

21 ~~(2)~~ (II) METHODS TO RESPOND TO THREATS OF SUICIDE;

22 ~~(3)~~ (III) GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
 23 HELP INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION AND OTHER RELATED
 24 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS; AND

25 ~~(4)~~ (IV) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND APPROPRIATE USES OF
 26 THE MARYLAND CRISIS HOTLINE.

27 (2) THE HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT SHALL TRANSMIT
 28 ELECTRONICALLY THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
 29 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO
 30 EACH STATE EMPLOYEE IN THAT PRINCIPAL UNIT.

31 ~~(C) THE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL BE~~
 32 ~~PROVIDED TO EACH STATE EMPLOYEE EACH YEAR IN A MANNER DETERMINED~~
 33 ~~BY THE HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT.~~

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (a) The Secretary of Budget and Management, in conjunction with the
3 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall study the issue of developing a
4 comprehensive cost effective suicide awareness and prevention program for State
5 employees.

6 (b) On or before December 31, 2010, the Secretary of Budget and
7 Management shall submit the findings of the study required under subsection (a) of
8 this section in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article to the House
9 Appropriations Committee.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
11 remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2010, with no
12 further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

14 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of
15 this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.