

SENATE BILL NO. 1142

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal sections 170.048 and 173.1200, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to suicide awareness and prevention.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 170.048 and 173.1200, RSMo, are
2 repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
3 known as sections 170.048 and 173.1200, to read as follows:

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall
2 adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention,
3 including plans for how the district will provide for the
4 training and education of its district employees.

5 2. Each district's policy shall address and include,
6 but not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are
8 at possible risk of suicide;

9 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at
10 possible risk of suicide; and

11 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

12 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and
13 secondary education shall develop a model policy that
14 districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the
15 department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input
16 from organizations that have expertise in youth suicide
17 awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least
18 every three years thereafter, the department shall request

19 information and seek feedback from districts on their
20 experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and
21 prevention. The department shall review this information
22 and may use it to adapt the department's model policy. The
23 department shall post any information on its website that it
24 has received from districts that it deems relevant. The
25 department shall not post any confidential information or
26 any information that personally identifies any student or
27 school employee.

28 **4. (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, a public school or**
29 **charter school that serves any pupils in grades seven to**
30 **twelve and that issues pupil identification cards shall have**
31 **printed on either side of the cards the three-digit dialing**
32 **code described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision and may**
33 **have printed on either side of the cards the telephone**
34 **numbers described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this**
35 **subdivision:**

36 **(a) The three-digit dialing code that directs calls**
37 **and routes text messages to the National Suicide Prevention**
38 **Lifeline, 988;**

39 **(b) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by**
40 **texting HOME to 741741; and**

41 **(c) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone**
42 **number if available.**

43 **(2) If, on July 1, 2023, a public school or charter**
44 **school subject to the requirements of this subsection has a**
45 **supply of unissued pupil identification cards that do not**
46 **comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this**
47 **subsection, the school shall issue those cards until that**
48 **supply is depleted.**

49 **(3) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to**
50 **a pupil identification card issued for the first time to a**
51 **pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost card.**

173.1200. 1. Each public institution of higher
2 education shall develop and implement a policy to advise
3 students and staff on suicide prevention programs available
4 on and off campus that includes, but is not limited to:

5 (1) Crisis intervention access, which includes
6 information for national, state, and local suicide
7 prevention hotlines;

8 (2) Mental health program access, which provides
9 information on the availability of local mental health
10 clinics, student health services, and counseling services;

11 (3) Multimedia application access, which includes
12 crisis hotline contact information, suicide warning signs,
13 resources offered, and free-of-cost applications;

14 (4) Student communication plans, which consist of
15 creating outreach plans regarding educational and outreach
16 activities on suicide prevention; and

17 (5) Post intervention plans, which include creating a
18 strategic plan to communicate effectively with students,
19 staff, and parents after the loss of a student to suicide.

20 2. Such policy shall also advise students, faculty,
21 and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper
22 procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of
23 students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior, and
24 shall provide for training, where appropriate.

25 3. Each public institution of higher education shall
26 provide all incoming students with information about
27 depression and suicide prevention resources available to
28 students. The information provided to students shall
29 include available mental health services and other support

30 services, including student-run organizations for
31 individuals at risk of or affected by suicide.

32 4. The information prescribed by subdivisions (1)
33 through (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall be posted
34 on the website of each institution of higher education in
35 this state.

36 5. Any applicable free-of-cost prevention materials or
37 programs shall be posted on the websites of the public
38 institutions of higher education and the department of
39 higher education and workforce development.

40 6. (1) Each public institution of higher education
41 shall establish and maintain methods of anonymous reporting
42 concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent,
43 or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities.

44 (2) Such methods shall ensure that the identity of the
45 reporting party remains unknown to all persons and entities,
46 including law enforcement officers and employees or other
47 persons, except when criminal, civil, or administrative
48 action is initiated regarding unsafe, potentially harmful,
49 dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of
50 such activities.

51 7. (1) **Beginning July 1, 2023, a public institution**
52 **of higher education that issues pupil identification cards**
53 **shall have printed on either side of the cards the three-**
54 **digit dialing code described in paragraph (a) of this**
55 **subdivision and may have printed on either side of the cards**
56 **the telephone numbers described in paragraphs (b) to (d) of**
57 **this subdivision:**

58 (a) **The three-digit dialing code that directs calls**
59 **and routes text messages to the National Suicide Prevention**
60 **Lifeline, 988;**

61 (b) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by
62 texting HOME to 741741;

63 (c) The campus police or security telephone number or,
64 if the campus does not have a campus police or security
65 telephone number, the local law enforcement authority's
66 telephone number; and

67 (d) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone
68 number if available.

69 (2) If, on July 1, 2023, a public institution of
70 higher education subject to the requirements of this
71 subsection has a supply of unissued pupil identification
72 cards that do not comply with the requirements of
73 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the school shall issue
74 those cards until that supply is depleted.

75 (3) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to
76 a pupil identification card issued for the first time to a
77 pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost card.

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