

**SUICIDE PREVENTION AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to suicide prevention.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends State Board of Education and Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health program components for suicide prevention; and
- ▶ amends interim committee reporting requirements.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015:

- ▶ to State Board of Education - Office of Education, as a one-time appropriation:
  - from Education Fund, \$150,000; and
- ▶ to Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, as a one-time appropriation:
  - from General Fund, \$210,000.

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:

- ▶ to Department of Public Safety - Programs and Operations - Bureau of Criminal Identification, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from Restricted - Firearm Safety Account, \$15,000;
- ▶ to Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, as an ongoing appropriation:

- 29           • from General Fund, \$191,000; and
- 30           ▶ to State Board of Education - Office of Education, as an ongoing appropriation:
- 31           • from General Fund, \$50,000.

32 **Other Special Clauses:**

33           This bill provides a special effective date.

34 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

35 AMENDS:

36           **53A-15-1301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 214 and 349

37           **53A-15-1302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 349

38           **62A-15-1101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 226



40 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

41           Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is amended to read:

42           **53A-15-1301. Youth suicide prevention programs required in secondary schools**

43 **-- State Board of Education to develop model programs -- Reporting requirements.**

44           (1) As used in the section:

45           (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

46           (b) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.

47           (c) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to  
48 prevent or contain contagion.

49           (d) "Program" means a youth suicide prevention program described in Subsection (2).

50           (e) "Secondary grades":

51           (i) means grades 7 through 12; and

52           (ii) if a middle or junior high school includes grade 6, includes grade 6.

53           (f) "State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator" means a person  
54 designated by the board as described in Subsection (3).

55           (g) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention  
56 coordinator described in Section **62A-15-1101**.

57 (2) (a) In collaboration with the State Office of Education suicide prevention  
58 coordinator, a school district or charter school shall implement a youth suicide prevention  
59 program in the secondary grades of the school district or charter school.

60 (b) A school district or charter school's program shall include the following  
61 components:

62 (i) in collaboration with the training, programs, and initiatives described in Section  
63 53A-11a-401, programs and training to address bullying and cyberbullying, as those terms are  
64 defined in Section 53A-11a-102;

65 [~~†~~] (ii) prevention of youth suicides;  
66 [~~††~~] (iii) youth suicide intervention; and  
67 [~~†††~~] (iv) postvention for family, students, and faculty.

68 (3) The board shall:

69 (a) designate a State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator; and  
70 (b) in collaboration with the Department of Health and the state suicide prevention  
71 coordinator, develop model programs to provide to school districts and charter schools:

72 (i) program training; and  
73 (ii) resources regarding the required components described in Subsection (2)(b).

74 (4) The State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator shall:

75 (a) oversee the youth suicide prevention programs of school districts and charter  
76 schools; and

77 (b) coordinate prevention and postvention programs, services, and efforts with the state  
78 suicide prevention coordinator.

79 (5) A public school suicide prevention program may allow school personnel to ask a  
80 student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention.

81 (6) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the board may distribute money to a school  
82 district or charter school to be used to implement evidence-based practices and programs, or  
83 emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide in the school district or charter  
84 school.

85 (b) The board shall distribute money under Subsection (6)(a) so that each school that  
86 enrolls students in grade 7 or a higher grade receives an allocation of at least \$500, or a lesser  
87 amount per school if the legislative appropriation is not sufficient to provide at least \$500 per  
88 school.

89 (c) (i) A school shall use money allocated to the school under Subsection (6)(b) to  
90 implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs,  
91 for preventing suicide.

92 (ii) Each school may select the evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging  
93 best practices and programs, for preventing suicide that the school implements.

94 (7) (a) The board shall provide a written report, and shall orally report to the  
95 Legislature's Education Interim Committee, by the [~~November 2014~~] October 2015 meeting,  
96 jointly with the State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator and the state suicide  
97 prevention coordinator, on:

98 (i) the progress of school district and charter school [programs, and] youth suicide  
99 prevention programs, including rates of participation by school districts, charter schools, and  
100 students;

101 (ii) the board's coordination efforts with the Department of Health and the state suicide  
102 prevention coordinator[-];

103 (iii) the State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator's model program for  
104 training and resources related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention;

105 (iv) data measuring the effectiveness of youth suicide programs;

106 (v) funds appropriated to each school district and charter school for youth suicide  
107 prevention programs; and

108 (vi) five-year trends of youth suicides per school, school district, and charter school.

109 (b) School districts and charter schools shall provide to the board information that is  
110 necessary for the board's report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee as required in  
111 Subsection (7)(a).

112 Section 2. Section **53A-15-1302** is amended to read:

113 **53A-15-1302. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

114 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a school district shall offer a seminar for  
115 parents of students in the school district that:

- 116 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;
- 117 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;
- 118 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district; and
- 119 (iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

120 (b) (i) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000  
121 students enrolled in the school district.

122 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), a school district may not be required to offer  
123 more than three seminars.

124 (c) A school district may:

- 125 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or
- 126 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection  
127 (2).

128 (d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance  
129 boundaries of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school  
130 may inform parents of the seminar.

131 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

132 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that  
133 includes information on:

- 134 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;
- 135 (ii) bullying;
- 136 (iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including  
137 education on limiting access to fatal means; and
- 138 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

139 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon  
140 request.

141 ~~[(3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim~~  
142 ~~Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent~~  
143 ~~seminar, including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as~~  
144 ~~described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.]~~

145 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education  
146 Interim Committee, by the ~~[November 2014]~~ October 2015 meeting, on:

- 147 (a) the progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
- 148 (b) the number of parent seminars conducted in each school district;
- 149 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) the estimated attendance reported by each school district;
- 150 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) a recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program; and
- 151 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as  
152 described in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (4), ~~[and]~~ the reasons why a local school board opted out.

153 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) (a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local  
154 school board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant  
155 interest or value to families in the school district.

156 (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school  
157 board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school  
158 board chose not to offer the parent seminar.

159 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1101** is amended to read:

160 **62A-15-1101. Suicide prevention -- Reporting requirements.**

161 (1) As used in the section:

162 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section [53-10-201](#)  
163 within the Department of Public Safety.

164 (b) "Division" means the ~~[State]~~ Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

165 (c) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a person from attempting suicide.

166 (d) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to  
167 prevent or contain contagion.

168 (e) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual designated by the

169 division as described in Subsections (2) and (3).

170 (2) The division shall appoint a state suicide prevention coordinator to administer a  
171 state suicide prevention program composed of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention  
172 programs, services, and efforts.

173 (3) The state suicide prevention program may include the following components:

174 (a) delivery of resources, tools, and training to community-based coalitions;

175 (b) evidence-based suicide risk assessment tools and training;

176 (c) town hall meetings for building community-based suicide prevention strategies;

177 (d) suicide prevention gatekeeper training;

178 (e) training to identify warning signs and to manage an at-risk individual's crisis;

179 (f) evidence-based intervention training;

180 (g) intervention skills training; and

181 (h) postvention training.

182 [~~(3)~~] (4) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall coordinate [~~the suicide~~  
183 ~~prevention program, including suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention programs,~~  
184 ~~services, and efforts statewide,~~] with at least the following:

185 (a) local mental health and substance abuse authorities;

186 (b) the State Board of Education, including the State Office of Education suicide  
187 prevention coordinator described in Section 53A-15-1301;

188 (c) the Department of Health;

189 (d) health care providers, including emergency rooms; and

190 (e) other public health suicide prevention efforts.

191 (5) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall provide a written report, and shall  
192 orally report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October meeting  
193 every year, on:

194 (a) implementation of the state suicide prevention program, as described in Subsections  
195 (2) and (3);

196 (b) data measuring the effectiveness of each component of the state suicide prevention

197 program;

198 (c) funds appropriated for each component of the state suicide prevention program; and

199 (d) five-year trends of suicides in Utah, including subgroups of youths and adults and

200 other subgroups identified by the state suicide prevention coordinator.

201 [~~4~~] (6) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall report to the Legislature's

202 Education Interim Committee, by the [~~November 2014~~] October 2015 meeting, jointly with the

203 State Board of Education, on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and efforts with

204 the State Board of Education and the State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator

205 as described in Section 53A-15-1301.

206 [~~5~~] (7) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall consult with the bureau to

207 implement and manage the operation of a firearm safety program, as described in Subsection

208 53-10-202(18) and Section 53-10-202.1.

209 (8) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

210 division shall make rules governing the implementation of the state suicide prevention

211 program, consistent with this section.

212 Section 4. **Appropriation.**

213 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for

214 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money

215 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts

216 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in

217 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

218 To State Board of Education - Office of Education

219 From Education Fund, One-time

\$100,000

220 Schedule of Programs:

221 Anti-bullying programs

\$100,000

222 The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education:

223 (1) expend appropriations under this section to implement the programs and training

224 described in Section 53A-15-1301 addressing bullying and cyberbullying; and



225           (2) make up to \$1,500 available to each requesting school, for the school to choose a  
 226 program or training curriculum from a Utah-based organization that is tax exempt under  
 227 Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code, and that is focused on programs and training  
 228 addressing bullying and cyberbullying.

229           To State Board of Education - Office of Education  
 230                     From Education Fund, One-time                                     \$50,000

231           Schedule of Programs:  
 232                             State suicide prevention coordinator                     \$50,000

233           The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education expend appropriations under  
 234 this section for the state suicide prevention coordinator's implementation of the programs  
 235 described in Section [53A-15-1301](#).

236           To Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
 237                     From General Fund, One-time                                     \$210,000

238           Schedule of Programs:  
 239                             State suicide prevention program                                     \$210,000

240           Section 5. **Appropriation.**

241           Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
 242 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money  
 243 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
 244 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
 245 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.

246           To General Fund Restricted - Firearm Safety Account  
 247                     From General Fund   \$15,000

248                     To General Fund Restricted - Firearm Safety Account                     \$15,000

249           To Department of Public Safety - Programs and Operations  
 250                     From General Fund Restricted - Firearm Safety Account                     \$15,000

251           Schedule of Programs:  
 252                             Bureau of Criminal Identification                                     \$15,000

253	<u>To Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</u>	
254	<u>From General Fund</u>	<u>\$191,000</u>
255	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
256	<u>State Suicide Prevention Program</u>	<u>\$191,000</u>
257	<u>To State Board of Education - Office of Education</u>	
258	<u>From General Fund</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
259	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
260	<u>Teaching and Learning</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
261	<b>Section 6. Effective date.</b>	
262	<u>(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 12, 2015.</u>	
263	<u>(2) Uncodified Section 5, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2015.</u>	