

SENATE BILL No. 506

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-21; IC 16-31-3-2; IC 20-26-5-34.4; IC 21-48; IC 25-1-19.

Synopsis: Suicide prevention programming. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to: (1) establish a psychiatric crisis intervention pilot program; (2) develop a statewide program for suicide prevention; and (3) employ a coordinator of the statewide program for suicide prevention. Requires certain licensed professionals to annually complete suicide awareness training. Requires school employees to complete child suicide awareness and prevention training every five years. Requires approved postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a policy concerning suicide information and resources. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-21-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2012,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. The division is composed of the following:
4 (1) The director.
5 (2) The division of mental health and addiction planning and
6 advisory council.
7 **(3) A coordinator for a statewide program for suicide**
8 **prevention.**
9 ~~(3)~~ **(4) Other personnel necessary for the performance of the**
10 **functions imposed upon the division under law.**
11 SECTION 2. IC 12-21-5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2017]: **Sec. 5. (a) The division shall develop a statewide program**
14 **for suicide prevention.**
15 **(b) The division shall employ a coordinator of the statewide**
16 **program for suicide prevention to implement and maintain the**
17 **statewide program for suicide prevention.**



1 (c) The statewide program for suicide prevention must include
2 a state plan for suicide prevention that must address the following:

3 (1) Educational opportunities and activities to increase
4 awareness and knowledge of the public.

5 (2) Training for individuals who may have frequent contact
6 with individuals at risk of suicide on warning signs and
7 tendencies that may evidence that an individual is considering
8 suicide.

9 (3) Materials to increase public awareness of suicide and
10 suicide prevention.

11 (4) Enhancement of crisis services relating to suicide
12 prevention.

13 (5) Assistance for school corporations on suicide awareness
14 and intervention training.

15 (6) Coordination of the establishment of advisory groups in
16 each county to support the statewide program.

17 (7) Coordination with appropriate entities to identify and
18 address barriers in providing services to individuals at risk of
19 suicide.

20 (8) Development of an Internet web site containing
21 information and resources related to suicide awareness,
22 prevention, and intervention.

23 (9) Development of recommendations for improved collection
24 of data on suicide and factors related to suicide.

25 (10) Development and submission of proposals for funding
26 from federal agencies or other sources of funding.

27 SECTION 3. IC 12-21-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
28 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
29 1, 2017]:

30 **Chapter 7. Psychiatric Crisis Intervention Pilot Program**

31 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "division" means the division of
32 mental health and addiction established by IC 12-21-1-1.

33 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "pilot programs" means the
34 psychiatric crisis intervention pilot programs established by
35 section 3 of this chapter.

36 **Sec. 3. (a)** The division shall establish psychiatric crisis
37 intervention pilot programs in at least three (3) locations. The pilot
38 programs must be established in rural and urban areas.

39 **(b)** The psychiatric crisis intervention pilot programs
40 established under subsection (a) must be selected and evaluated
41 based on the need for psychiatric crisis services listed in this
42 subsection and policies and procedures determined by the division.



1 **The pilot programs may include the following services and any**
 2 **other services determined by the division:**

- 3 **(1) Prevention services.**
 4 **(2) Assertive community treatment.**
 5 **(3) Telephone crisis and triage intervention.**
 6 **(4) Crisis intervention teams.**
 7 **(5) Mobile crisis outreach teams.**
 8 **(6) Urgent care centers.**
 9 **(7) Crisis residential services.**
 10 **(8) Transportation services.**
 11 **(9) Medically monitored detoxification.**
 12 **(10) Hospitalization.**
 13 **(11) Linkage to community based services.**

14 **(c) The division shall evaluate the pilot programs based on**
 15 **criteria determined by the division and the following:**

- 16 **(1) Recidivism.**
 17 **(2) Sustainability.**
 18 **(3) Resources investment.**
 19 **(4) Cost effectiveness.**
 20 **(5) Clinical outcomes.**
 21 **(6) Ability to provide twenty-four (24) hour walk-in crisis**
 22 **services.**
 23 **(7) Ability to provide mental health and substance use**
 24 **disorder inpatient services.**

25 **Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the state general fund to the**
 26 **division of mental health and addiction five million dollars**
 27 **(\$5,000,000) to implement psychiatric crisis intervention pilot**
 28 **programs established under section 3 of this chapter.**

29 SECTION 4. IC 16-31-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2012,
 30 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. The commission shall establish standards for
 32 persons required to be certified or licensed by the commission to
 33 provide emergency medical services. To be certified or licensed, a
 34 person must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 35 (1) The personnel certified or licensed under this chapter must do
 36 the following:
 37 (A) Meet the standards for education and training established
 38 by the commission by rule.
 39 (B) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of
 40 education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that
 41 is certified by the commission in conjunction with the state
 42 health commissioner.



- 1 (C) ~~Beginning January 1, 2009~~; Successfully complete a basic
 2 or an inservice course of education and training on autism that
 3 is certified by the commission.
- 4 **(D) Successfully complete an evidence based training**
 5 **program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and**
 6 **management as described in IC 25-1-19.**
- 7 (2) Ambulances to be used must conform with the requirements
 8 of the commission and must either be:
 9 (A) covered by insurance issued by a company licensed to do
 10 business in Indiana in the amounts and under the terms
 11 required in rules adopted by the commission; or
 12 (B) owned by a governmental entity covered under IC 34-13-3.
- 13 (3) Emergency ambulance service shall be provided in accordance
 14 with rules adopted by the commission. However, the rules
 15 adopted under this chapter may not prohibit the dispatch of an
 16 ambulance to aid an emergency patient because an emergency
 17 medical technician is not immediately available to staff the
 18 ambulance.
- 19 (4) Ambulances must be equipped with a system of emergency
 20 medical communications approved by the commission. The
 21 emergency medical communication system must properly
 22 integrate and coordinate appropriate local and state emergency
 23 communications systems and reasonably available area
 24 emergency medical facilities with the general public's need for
 25 emergency medical services.
- 26 (5) Emergency medical communications shall be provided in
 27 accordance with rules adopted by the commission.
- 28 (6) A nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle must
 29 conform with the commission's requirements.
- 30 SECTION 5. IC 20-26-5-34.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 34.4. (a) Beginning after June 30,**
 33 **2017, each school corporation and accredited nonpublic school**
 34 **shall require all school employees likely to have direct, ongoing**
 35 **contact with children within the scope of the employee's**
 36 **employment to attend or participate in at least two (2) hours of**
 37 **inservice child suicide awareness and prevention training every**
 38 **five (5) years. The training must include the recognition of signs**
 39 **that a child may be considering suicide.**
- 40 **(b) The format of training under this section may include:**
 41 **(1) an in-person presentation;**
 42 **(2) an electronic or technology based medium, including**



- 1 self-review modules available on an online system;
 2 (3) an individual program of study of designated materials; or
 3 (4) any other method approved by the governing body that is
 4 consistent with current professional development standards.

5 (c) The inservice training required under this section must count
 6 toward the requirements for professional development required by
 7 the governing body.

8 (d) A school corporation shall adopt a policy addressing
 9 measures intended to increase child suicide awareness and
 10 prevention. The policy must address the following:

- 11 (1) Counseling services for the child and the child's family
 12 related to suicide prevention.
 13 (2) Availability of referral information for crisis intervention
 14 to children, parents, and school corporation staff.
 15 (3) Increasing awareness of the relationship between suicide
 16 and drug and alcohol use.
 17 (4) Training on warning signs and tendencies that may
 18 evidence that a child is considering suicide.
 19 (5) Availability of information concerning suicide prevention
 20 services in the community.
 21 (6) Cooperation among the school corporation and suicide
 22 prevention services in the community.
 23 (7) Development of a plan to assist survivors of attempted
 24 suicide and to assist children and school corporation staff in
 25 coping with an attempted suicide or student death.
 26 (8) Development of any other program or activity that is
 27 appropriate.

28 SECTION 6. IC 21-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 29 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 30 2017]:

31 **ARTICLE 48. SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES**

32 **Chapter 1. Suicide Prevention Resources**

33 **Sec. 1. (a) Each approved postsecondary educational institution**
 34 **shall adopt a policy to increase awareness of suicide prevention**
 35 **resources available to students and staff, including:**

- 36 (1) crisis intervention resources, including information for
 37 national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;
 38 (2) available mental health programs;
 39 (3) programs or resources offering information on crisis
 40 hotlines and suicide warning signs;
 41 (4) educational and outreach activities related to suicide
 42 prevention;



1 (5) post intervention plans, including information on effective
 2 communication with students, staff, and parents after the loss
 3 of a student due to suicide; and

4 (6) mental health services and other support services,
 5 including student organizations.

6 (b) Links to information and resources identified in a policy
 7 described in subsection (a) shall be posted on the Internet web site
 8 of each approved postsecondary educational institution.

9 SECTION 7. IC 25-1-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 10 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 11 1, 2017]:

12 **Chapter 19. Suicide Awareness Training**

13 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "provider" means an individual**
 14 **licensed, certified, registered, or permitted by any of the following**
 15 **entities:**

16 (1) The medical licensing board (IC 25-22.5-2-1).

17 (2) The Indiana state board of nursing (IC 25-23-1-2).

18 (3) The occupational therapy committee (IC 25-23.5-2-1).

19 (4) The behavioral health and human services licensing board
 20 (IC 25-23.6-2-1).

21 (5) The Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26-13-3).

22 (6) The Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27-1-4).

23 (7) The physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5-3-1).

24 (8) The state psychology board (IC 25-33-1-3).

25 **Sec. 2. A provider and individuals certified or licensed by the**
 26 **Indiana emergency medical services commission (IC 16-31-2-1),**
 27 **including:**

28 (1) an advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in
 29 IC 16-18-2-6.5);

30 (2) an emergency medical responder (as defined in
 31 IC 16-18-2-109.8);

32 (3) an emergency medical technician (as defined in
 33 IC 16-18-2-112); and

34 (4) a paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);

35 shall annually complete an evidence based training program
 36 concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part
 37 of any continuing education, continuing competency, or
 38 recertification requirements.

39 **Sec. 3. An evidence based training program required by section**
 40 **2 of this chapter must be a program approved or recommended by**
 41 **the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or the Suicide**
 42 **Prevention Resource Center.**

