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SENATE BILL No. 506

DIGEST OF SB 506 (Updated February 15, 2017 11:15 am - DI 104)

Citations Affected: IC 12-21; IC 16-31; IC 20-26; IC 21-48; IC 25-1.

Synopsis: Suicide prevention programming. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to: (1) develop a statewide program for suicide prevention; and (2) employ a coordinator of the statewide program for suicide prevention. Requires certain licensed professionals to annually complete suicide awareness training. Requires a school corporation to adopt a policy addressing measures intended to increase child suicide awareness and sets forth requirements of policy. Requires approved postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a policy concerning suicide information and resources.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

**Head, Charbonneau, Breaux, Crider,
Becker, Stoops, Leising, Grooms**

January 17, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
February 16, 2017, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

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 ~~(4)~~ **(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.**

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

33 (1) The personnel certified or licensed under this chapter must do
 34 the following:

35 (A) Meet the standards for education and training established
 36 by the commission by rule.

37 (B) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of
 38 education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that
 39 is certified by the commission in conjunction with the state
 40 health commissioner.

41 (C) ~~Beginning January 1, 2009;~~ Successfully complete a basic
 42 or an inservice course of education and training on autism that



1 is certified by the commission.

2 **(D) Successfully complete an evidence based training**
 3 **program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and**
 4 **management as described in IC 25-1-19.**

5 (2) Ambulances to be used must conform with the requirements
 6 of the commission and must either be:

7 (A) covered by insurance issued by a company licensed to do
 8 business in Indiana in the amounts and under the terms
 9 required in rules adopted by the commission; or

10 (B) owned by a governmental entity covered under IC 34-13-3.

11 (3) Emergency ambulance service shall be provided in accordance
 12 with rules adopted by the commission. However, the rules
 13 adopted under this chapter may not prohibit the dispatch of an
 14 ambulance to aid an emergency patient because an emergency
 15 medical technician is not immediately available to staff the
 16 ambulance.

17 (4) Ambulances must be equipped with a system of emergency
 18 medical communications approved by the commission. The
 19 emergency medical communication system must properly
 20 integrate and coordinate appropriate local and state emergency
 21 communications systems and reasonably available area
 22 emergency medical facilities with the general public's need for
 23 emergency medical services.

24 (5) Emergency medical communications shall be provided in
 25 accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

26 (6) A nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle must
 27 conform with the commission's requirements.

28 SECTION 4. IC 20-26-5-34.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 34.4. A school corporation shall**
 31 **adopt a policy addressing measures intended to increase child**
 32 **suicide awareness and prevention. The policy must address the**
 33 **following:**

34 **(1) Counseling services for the child and the child's family**
 35 **related to suicide prevention.**

36 **(2) Availability of referral information for crisis intervention**
 37 **to children, parents, and school corporation staff.**

38 **(3) Increasing awareness of the relationship between suicide**
 39 **and drug and alcohol use.**

40 **(4) Training on warning signs and tendencies that may**
 41 **evidence that a child is considering suicide.**

42 **(5) Availability of information concerning suicide prevention**



1 services in the community.

2 (6) Cooperation among the school corporation and suicide
3 prevention services in the community.

4 (7) Development of a plan to assist survivors of attempted
5 suicide and to assist children and school corporation staff in
6 coping with an attempted suicide or death of a student or
7 school employee.

8 (8) Development of any other program or activity that is
9 appropriate.

10 SECTION 5. IC 21-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
11 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
12 2017]:

13 **ARTICLE 48. SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES**

14 **Chapter 1. Suicide Prevention Resources**

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

18 (1) crisis intervention resources, including information for
19 national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;

20 (2) available mental health programs;

21 (3) programs or resources offering information on crisis
22 hotlines and suicide warning signs;

23 (4) educational and outreach activities related to suicide
24 prevention;

25 (5) post intervention plans, including information on effective
26 communication with students, staff, and parents after the loss
27 of a student or faculty member due to suicide; and

28 (6) mental health services and other support services,
29 including student organizations.

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

33 SECTION 6. IC 25-1-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
34 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
35 1, 2017]:

36 **Chapter 19. Suicide Awareness Training**

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

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

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

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



- 1 **(4) The behavioral health and human services licensing board**
2 **(IC 25-23.6-2-1).**
3 **(5) The Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26-13-3).**
4 **(6) The Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27-1-4).**
5 **(7) The physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5-3-1).**
6 **(8) The state psychology board (IC 25-33-1-3).**
7 **Sec 2. A provider and individuals certified or licensed by the**
8 **Indiana emergency medical services commission (IC 16-31-2-1),**
9 **including:**
10 **(1) an advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in**
11 **IC 16-18-2-6.5);**
12 **(2) an emergency medical responder (as defined in**
13 **IC 16-18-2-109.8);**
14 **(3) an emergency medical technician (as defined in**
15 **IC 16-18-2-112); and**
16 **(4) a paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);**
17 **shall annually complete an evidence based training program**
18 **concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part**
19 **of any continuing education, continuing competency, or**
20 **recertification requirements.**
21 **Sec. 3. An evidence based training program required by section**
22 **2 of this chapter must be a program approved or recommended by**
23 **the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 506, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Page 2, line 15, delete "the establishment of" and insert "**county and regional**".

Page 2, line 15, delete "in".

Page 2, line 16, delete "each county".

Page 2, line 20, delete "Development" and insert "**Maintenance**".

Page 2, delete lines 27 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 28.

Page 4, line 32, delete "(a) Beginning after June 30,".

Page 4, delete lines 33 through 42.

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 7.

Page 5, line 8, delete "(d)".

Page 4, run in line 32 through page 5, line 8.

Page 5, line 25, delete "student death." and insert "**death of a student or school employee.**".

Page 6, line 3, after "student" insert "**or faculty member**".

Page 6, line 41, delete "the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 506 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

