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## SENATE BILL No. 506

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

**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 the coordinator to study and determine: (1) the professions that should be required to receive training on suicide assessment, treatment, and management; and (2) the manner in which to fund the training. Requires the coordinator to report the determinations to the legislative council not later than December 31, 2017. Requires emergency medical services providers to complete an evidence based training program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management. 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.

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**Head, Charbonneau, Breaux, Crider,  
Becker, Stoops, Leising, Grooms,  
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January 17, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

February 16, 2017, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 21, 2017, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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 12-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.185-2015,  
12 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. The division is responsible for the following:  
14 (1) The planning, research, and development of programs and  
15 methods for the education and treatment of children with an  
16 emotional disturbance.  
17 (2) The coordination of governmental services, activities, and

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1 programs in Indiana relating to such children.

2 (3) The administration of the state supported services concerned  
3 with such children.

4 (4) The preparation of the annual report required by IC 7.1-6-2-5.

5 (5) The provision of a mental health first aid training program  
6 developed under section 4 of this chapter, including providing  
7 information and guidance to local school corporations on the  
8 development of evidence based programs for basic or inservice  
9 courses for teachers and training for teachers on the following:

10 (A) Prevention of child suicide.

11 (B) Recognition of signs that a student may be considering  
12 suicide.

13 **(6) The:**

14 **(A) development, in consultation with stakeholders; and**

15 **(B) provision;**

16 **of an evidence based training program for health care**  
17 **providers, including mental health and behavioral health**  
18 **providers, concerning suicide assessment, training, and**  
19 **management that incorporates materials approved or**  
20 **recommended by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.**

21 SECTION 3. IC 12-21-5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
22 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
23 1, 2017]: **Sec. 5. (a) The division shall develop a statewide program**  
24 **for suicide prevention.**

25 **(b) The division shall employ a coordinator of the statewide**  
26 **program for suicide prevention to implement and maintain the**  
27 **statewide program for suicide prevention.**

28 **(c) The statewide program for suicide prevention must include**  
29 **a state plan for suicide prevention that must address the following:**

30 **(1) Educational opportunities and activities to increase**  
31 **awareness and knowledge of the public.**

32 **(2) Training for individuals who may have frequent contact**  
33 **with individuals at risk of suicide on warning signs and**  
34 **tendencies that may evidence that an individual is considering**  
35 **suicide.**

36 **(3) Materials to increase public awareness of suicide and**  
37 **suicide prevention.**

38 **(4) Enhancement of crisis services relating to suicide**  
39 **prevention.**

40 **(5) Assistance for school corporations on suicide awareness**  
41 **and intervention training.**

42 **(6) Coordination of county and regional advisory groups to**



- 1           **support the statewide program.**  
 2           **(7) Coordination with appropriate entities to identify and**  
 3           **address barriers in providing services to individuals at risk of**  
 4           **suicide.**  
 5           **(8) Maintenance of an Internet web site containing**  
 6           **information and resources related to suicide awareness,**  
 7           **prevention, and intervention.**  
 8           **(9) Development of recommendations for improved collection**  
 9           **of data on suicide and factors related to suicide.**  
 10          **(10) Development and submission of proposals for funding**  
 11          **from federal agencies or other sources of funding.**  
 12          **(d) The coordinator of the statewide program for suicide**  
 13          **prevention shall study and determine:**  
 14               **(1) the professions that should be required to receive training**  
 15               **concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management;**  
 16               **and**  
 17               **(2) the manner in which to fund the required training for the**  
 18               **determined professions.**  
 19          **The coordinator shall report the determinations made under this**  
 20          **subsection to the legislative council in an electronic format under**  
 21          **IC 5-14-6 not later than December 31, 2017. This subsection**  
 22          **expires January 1, 2018.**  
 23          SECTION 4. IC 16-31-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2012,  
 24          SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25          JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. The commission shall establish standards for  
 26          persons required to be certified or licensed by the commission to  
 27          provide emergency medical services. To be certified or licensed, a  
 28          person must meet the following minimum requirements:  
 29               (1) The personnel certified or licensed under this chapter must do  
 30               the following:  
 31                   (A) Meet the standards for education and training established  
 32                   by the commission by rule.  
 33                   (B) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of  
 34                   education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that  
 35                   is certified by the commission in conjunction with the state  
 36                   health commissioner.  
 37                   (C) ~~Beginning January 1, 2009,~~ Successfully complete a basic  
 38                   or an inservice course of education and training on autism that  
 39                   is certified by the commission.  
 40                   (D) **Successfully complete an evidence based training**  
 41                   **program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and**  
 42                   **management that has been approved or recommended by**



- 1                   **the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.**  
 2                   (2) Ambulances to be used must conform with the requirements  
 3                   of the commission and must either be:  
 4                   (A) covered by insurance issued by a company licensed to do  
 5                   business in Indiana in the amounts and under the terms  
 6                   required in rules adopted by the commission; or  
 7                   (B) owned by a governmental entity covered under IC 34-13-3.  
 8                   (3) Emergency ambulance service shall be provided in accordance  
 9                   with rules adopted by the commission. However, the rules  
 10                  adopted under this chapter may not prohibit the dispatch of an  
 11                  ambulance to aid an emergency patient because an emergency  
 12                  medical technician is not immediately available to staff the  
 13                  ambulance.  
 14                  (4) Ambulances must be equipped with a system of emergency  
 15                  medical communications approved by the commission. The  
 16                  emergency medical communication system must properly  
 17                  integrate and coordinate appropriate local and state emergency  
 18                  communications systems and reasonably available area  
 19                  emergency medical facilities with the general public's need for  
 20                  emergency medical services.  
 21                  (5) Emergency medical communications shall be provided in  
 22                  accordance with rules adopted by the commission.  
 23                  (6) A nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle must  
 24                  conform with the commission's requirements.  
 25                  SECTION 5. IC 20-26-5-34.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 26                  CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**  
 27                  [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 34.4. A school corporation shall**  
 28                  **adopt a policy addressing measures intended to increase child**  
 29                  **suicide awareness and prevention. The policy must address the**  
 30                  **following:**  
 31                  **(1) Counseling services for the child and the child's family**  
 32                  **related to suicide prevention.**  
 33                  **(2) Availability of referral information for crisis intervention**  
 34                  **to children, parents, and school corporation staff.**  
 35                  **(3) Increasing awareness of the relationship between suicide**  
 36                  **and drug and alcohol use.**  
 37                  **(4) Training on warning signs and tendencies that may**  
 38                  **evidence that a child is considering suicide.**  
 39                  **(5) Availability of information concerning suicide prevention**  
 40                  **services in the community.**  
 41                  **(6) Cooperation among the school corporation and suicide**  
 42                  **prevention services in the community.**



- 1           **(7) Development of a plan to assist survivors of attempted**  
 2           **suicide and to assist children and school corporation staff in**  
 3           **coping with an attempted suicide or death of a student or**  
 4           **school employee.**  
 5           **(8) Development of any other program or activity that is**  
 6           **appropriate.**  
 7           SECTION 6. IC 21-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 8           A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 9           2017]:  
 10          **ARTICLE 48. SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES**  
 11          **Chapter 1. Suicide Prevention Resources**  
 12          **Sec. 1. (a) Each approved postsecondary educational institution**  
 13          **shall adopt a policy to increase awareness of suicide prevention**  
 14          **resources available to students and staff, including:**  
 15               **(1) crisis intervention resources, including information for**  
 16               **national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;**  
 17               **(2) available mental health programs;**  
 18               **(3) programs or resources offering information on crisis**  
 19               **hotlines and suicide warning signs;**  
 20               **(4) educational and outreach activities related to suicide**  
 21               **prevention;**  
 22               **(5) post intervention plans, including information on effective**  
 23               **communication with students, staff, and parents after the loss**  
 24               **of a student or faculty member due to suicide; and**  
 25               **(6) mental health services and other support services,**  
 26               **including student organizations.**  
 27          **(b) Links to information and resources identified in a policy**  
 28          **described in subsection (a) shall be posted on the Internet web site**  
 29          **of each approved postsecondary educational institution.**



## 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.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 506 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 26 and 27, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(d) The coordinator of the statewide program for suicide**

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prevention shall study and determine:

- (1) the professions that should be required to receive training concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management; and
- (2) the manner in which to fund the required training for the determined professions.

The coordinator shall report the determinations made under this subsection to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than December 31, 2017. This subsection expires January 1, 2018."

Page 3, line 4, delete "as described in IC 25-1-19." and insert "**that has been approved or recommended by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.**".

Page 4, delete lines 33 through 42.

Delete page 5.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 506 as printed February 17, 2017.)

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#### SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 506 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
 "SECTION 2. IC 12-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.185-2015, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. The division is responsible for the following:

- (1) The planning, research, and development of programs and methods for the education and treatment of children with an emotional disturbance.
- (2) The coordination of governmental services, activities, and programs in Indiana relating to such children.
- (3) The administration of the state supported services concerned with such children.
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courses for teachers and training for teachers on the following:

(A) Prevention of child suicide.

(B) Recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide.

**(6) The:**

**(A) development, in consultation with stakeholders; and**

**(B) provision;**

**of an evidence based training program for health care providers, including mental health and behavioral health providers, concerning suicide assessment, training, and management that incorporates materials approved or recommended by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center."**

Page 4, delete lines 33 through 42.

Delete page 5.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

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