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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 632.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to suicide prevention.

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

Section A. Section 632.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 632.020, to read as follows:

632.020. 1. The Missouri advisory council for comprehensive psychiatric services, created by executive order of the governor on June 10, 1977, shall act as an advisory body to the division and the division director. The council shall be comprised of up to twenty-five members, the number to be determined under the council bylaws.

2. The members of the council shall be appointed by the director. Members shall serve for overlapping terms of three years each. The members of the existing council appointed under the provisions of the executive order shall serve the remainder of their appointed terms. At the expiration of the term of each such member, the director shall appoint an individual who shall hold office for a term of three years. Each member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed. Members shall have professional, research or personal interest in the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons affected by mental disorders and mental illness. The council shall include representatives from the following:

(1) Nongovernment organization or groups and state agencies concerned with the planning, operation or use of comprehensive psychiatric services;

(2) Representatives of consumers and providers of comprehensive psychiatric services who are familiar with the need for such services. At least one-half of the members shall be consumers. No more than one-fourth of the members shall be vendors or members of boards of

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 directors, employees or officers of vendors, or any of their spouses, if such vendors receive more
19 than fifteen hundred dollars under contract with the department; except that members of boards
20 of directors of not-for-profit corporations shall not be considered members of board of directors
21 of vendors under this subsection.

22 3. A vacancy occurring on the council shall be filled by appointment of the director.

23 4. Meetings shall be held at least every ninety days at the call of the division director or
24 the council chairman, who shall be elected by the council.

25 5. Each member shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses, including
26 travel expenses pursuant to the travel regulations for employees of the department, actually
27 incurred in the performance of his official duties.

28 6. The council may be divided into subcouncils in accordance with its bylaws. The
29 council shall study, plan and make recommendations on the prevention, evaluation, care,
30 treatment, rehabilitation, housing and facilities for persons affected by mental disorders and
31 mental illness.

32 7. No member of a state advisory council may participate in or seek to influence a
33 decision or vote of the council if the member would be directly involved with the matter or
34 would derive income from it. A violation of the prohibition contained herein shall be grounds
35 for a person to be removed as a member of the council by the director.

36 8. The council shall collaborate with the department in developing and administering a
37 state plan for comprehensive psychiatric services. The council shall be advisory and shall:

38 (1) Promote meetings and programs for the discussion of reducing the debilitating effects
39 of mental disorders and mental illness and disseminate information in cooperation with any other
40 department, agency or entity on the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment and rehabilitation for
41 persons affected by mental disorders or mental illness;

42 (2) Study and review current prevention, evaluation, care, treatment and rehabilitation
43 technologies and recommend appropriate preparation, training, retraining and distribution of
44 manpower and resources in the provision of services to persons affected by mental disorders or
45 mental illness through private and public residential facilities, day programs and other
46 specialized services;

47 (3) Recommend what specific methods, means and procedures should be adopted to
48 improve and upgrade the department comprehensive psychiatric service delivery system for
49 citizens of this state;

50 (4) Participate in developing and disseminating criteria and standards to qualify
51 comprehensive psychiatric service residential facilities, day programs and other specialized
52 services in this state for funding or licensing, or both, by the department;

53 (5) Provide oversight for suicide prevention **and awareness** activities.

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