

House Bill 4124

Sponsored by Representatives GELSER, SPRENGER, HOYLE, Senator COURTNEY; Senator STEINER HAYWARD
(Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within that part of Oregon Health Authority that works with mental health and addiction issues. Sets forth responsibilities of coordinator. Requires update of Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan once every five years. Directs coordinator to report to Legislative Assembly regarding first plan update by January 1, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to youth suicide; creating new provisions; amending ORS 418.704; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.704 is amended to read:

6 418.704. (1) **As used in this section and section 2 of this 2014 Act:**

7 (a) **“Youth” means a person 10 through 19 years of age.**

8 (b) **“Youth suicide” means a completed or attempted suicide by a person 10 through 19**
9 **years of age.**

10 (2) There is established a Youth Suicide **Intervention and Prevention** Coordinator within **that**
11 **part of** the Oregon Health Authority **that works with mental health and addiction issues**. The
12 coordinator shall:

13 [(1)] (a) Facilitate the development of a statewide strategic [*plan*] **Youth Suicide Intervention**
14 **and Prevention Plan** to address youth suicide **and youth self-inflicted injury, and develop**
15 **strategies for intervention with suicidal, depressed and at-risk youth;**

16 [(2)] (b) Improve outreach to special populations of youth that are at risk for suicide **and self-**
17 **inflicted injury;** [*and*]

18 (c) **Identify barriers to accessing intervention services for suicidal, depressed and at-risk**
19 **youth; and**

20 [(3)] (d) Provide technical assistance to state and local partners and coordinate interagency ef-
21 forts to establish **youth suicide and youth self-inflicted injury** prevention and intervention strat-
22 egies.

23 (3) **The coordinator shall review data and prepare an annual report to interim and regular**
24 **committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over child welfare,**
25 **mental health and addiction issues, and to the Oregon Health Authority, regarding:**

26 (a) **The number of emergency room admissions for completed and attempted youth sui-**
27 **cides and incidents of youth self-inflicted injury;**

28 (b) **The manner and method of completed and attempted youth suicides and incidents of**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 youth self-inflicted injury;

2 (c) The counties in which the completed and attempted suicides and self-injury incidents
3 occurred;

4 (d) The number of middle schools and high schools with completed youth suicides among
5 the student body;

6 (e) The number of completed youth suicides where the youth had previously been admit-
7 ted to a hospital or emergency room for treatment of attempted youth suicide or self-
8 inflicted injury or had been the subject of a request for intervention services related to
9 depression, suicidal ideation or self-injury within the prior 12 months; and

10 (f) Demographic information regarding youth who completed or attempted youth suicide
11 or who had self-injury incidents, including but not limited to:

12 (A) Age;

13 (B) Gender;

14 (C) Race;

15 (D) Primary spoken language;

16 (E) Sexual orientation;

17 (F) The existence of any physical, mental, intellectual or emotional disability; and

18 (G) Foster care status.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator shall update the
20 Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan under ORS 418.704 a minimum of once every
21 five years. Updates must include, but are not limited to:

22 (1) An assessment of current access to mental health intervention, treatment and sup-
23 port for depressed or suicidal youth, including affordability, timeliness, cultural appropri-
24 ateness and availability of qualified providers;

25 (2) Recommendations to improve access to appropriate mental health intervention,
26 treatment and support for depressed or suicidal youth, including affordability, timeliness,
27 cultural appropriateness and availability of qualified providers;

28 (3) Recommendations for best practices to identify and intervene with youth who are
29 depressed, suicidal or at risk for infliction of self-injury;

30 (4) Recommendations for collaboration among schools, school-based health clinics and
31 coordinated care organizations for school-based screening for depression and risk of suicide
32 or infliction of self-injury among middle school and high school students;

33 (5) Recommendations related to the use of social media and the Internet to provide op-
34 portunities for intervention and prevention of youth suicide and self-inflicted injury;

35 (6) Recommendations regarding services and strategies to respond to schools and com-
36 munities following a completed youth suicide;

37 (7) Identification of intervention and prevention strategies used by other states with the
38 five lowest rates of youth suicide and self-inflicted injuries; and

39 (8) A comparison of Oregon's youth suicide and self-inflicted injury rates with those of
40 other states.

41 **SECTION 3.** The Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator shall present
42 the first update of the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan described in section
43 2 of this 2014 Act to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter
44 jurisdiction over child welfare, mental health and addiction issues and the Oregon Health
45 Authority on or before January 1, 2015.

1 **SECTION 4. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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