

1 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

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15 LONG TITLE

16 General Description:

17 This bill amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention
18 programs.

19 Highlighted Provisions:

20 This bill:

- 21 ▶ amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs;
- 22 ▶ divides elements of the youth suicide prevention programs between elementary
23 grades and secondary grades;
- 24 ▶ requires communication between the school district or charter school and certain
25 parents or guardians;
- 26 ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to ensure coordination between youth
27 suicide prevention programs and certain other prevention programs;
- 28 ▶ repeals a separate program to consolidate funding and effort into one

29 comprehensive suicide prevention program; and
30 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

31 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

32 None

33 **Other Special Clauses:**

34 None

35 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

36 AMENDS:

37 **53G-9-702**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 293, 324, and 447

38 REPEALS:

39 **53F-5-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414 and renumbered and
40 amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2



42 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

43 Section 1. Section **53G-9-702** is amended to read:

44 **53G-9-702. Youth suicide prevention programs -- State board to develop model**
45 **programs.**

46 (1) As used in the section:

47 (a) "Elementary grades" means:

48 (i) kindergarten through grade 5; and

49 (ii) if the associated middle or junior high school does not include grade 6, grade 6.

50 ~~(a)~~ (b) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.

51 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or
52 death to prevent or contain contagion.

53 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Program" means a youth suicide prevention program described in Subsection
54 (2).

55 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Public education suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual
56 designated by the state board as described in Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4).

57 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) "Secondary grades" means:
 58 (i) ~~[means]~~ grades 7 through 12; and
 59 (ii) if a middle or junior high school includes grade 6, ~~[includes]~~ grade 6.
 60 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention
 61 coordinator described in Section [62A-15-1101](#).

62 (2) In collaboration with the public education suicide prevention coordinator, a school
 63 district or charter school~~[, in the secondary grades of the school district or charter school,]~~ shall
 64 implement a youth suicide prevention program, which, in collaboration with the training,
 65 programs, and initiatives described in Section [53G-9-607](#), shall include programs and training
 66 to address:

67 ~~[(a) bullying and cyberbullying, as those terms are defined in Section [53G-9-601](#);~~

68 (a) for elementary grades and secondary grades:

69 (i) life-affirming education, including on the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits,
 70 self-care, problem solving, and conflict resolution;

71 (ii) methods of strengthening the family; and

72 (iii) methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community; and

73 (b) for secondary grades:

74 ~~[(b)]~~ (i) prevention of youth suicide;

75 ~~[(c) increased]~~ (ii) decreasing the risk of suicide among youth who are;

76 (A) not accepted by family for any reason, including lesbian, gay, bisexual,
 77 transgender, or questioning youth; or

78 (B) suffer from bullying;

79 ~~[(d)]~~ (iii) youth suicide intervention; and

80 ~~[(e)]~~ (iv) postvention for family, students, and faculty[;].

81 ~~[(f) underage drinking of alcohol;]~~

82 ~~[(g) methods of strengthening the family; and]~~

83 ~~[(h) methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community.]~~

84 (3) Each school district and charter school shall ensure that the youth suicide

85 prevention program described in Subsection (2):

86 (a) considers appropriate coordination with the following prevention programs:

87 (i) the prevention of bullying and cyber-bullying, as those terms are defined in Section

88 53G-9-601; and

89 (ii) the prevention of underage drinking of alcohol and substance abuse under Section

90 53G-10-406; and

91 (b) includes provisions to ensure that the school district or charter school promptly

92 communicates with the parent or guardian of a student in accordance with Section 53G-9-604.

93 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The state board shall:

94 (a) designate a public education suicide prevention coordinator; and

95 (b) in collaboration with the Department of ~~[Heath]~~ Health and the state suicide
96 prevention coordinator, develop model programs to provide to school districts and charter
97 schools:

98 (i) program training; and

99 (ii) resources regarding the required components described in ~~[Subsection (2)(b)]~~

100 Subsections (2)(a) and (b).

101 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The public education suicide prevention coordinator shall:

102 (a) oversee the youth suicide prevention programs of school districts and charter
103 schools; and

104 (b) coordinate prevention and postvention programs, services, and efforts with the state
105 suicide prevention coordinator~~[-and]~~.

106 ~~[(c) award grants in accordance with Section 53F-5-206.]~~

107 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A public school suicide prevention program may allow school personnel to
108 ask a student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention.

109 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the state board may distribute money
110 to a school district or charter school to be used to implement evidence-based practices and
111 programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide in the school district
112 or charter school.

113 (b) The state board shall ~~[distribute]~~ ensure that an LEA's allocation of funds from the
114 board's distribution of money under Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(a) ~~[so that each school that enrolls~~
115 ~~students in grade 7 or a higher grade receives an allocation of]~~ provides an amount equal to at
116 least \$1,000 per school.

117 (c) (i) A school shall use money allocated to the school under Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(b) to
118 implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs,
119 for preventing suicide.

120 (ii) Each school may select the evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging
121 best practices and programs, for preventing suicide that the school implements.

122 (8) An LEA may not charge indirect costs to the program.

123 **Section 2. Repealer.**

124 This bill repeals:

125 Section **53F-5-206, Grant awards for elementary suicide prevention programs.**