

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1376** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Jinkins, Liias, Angel, and Ormsby)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to clarifying the requirement that certain health  
2 professionals complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
3 management; and amending RCW 43.70.442.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.442 and 2012 c 181 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2014, each of the following  
8 professionals certified or licensed under Title 18 RCW shall, at least  
9 once every six years, complete ((a)) training ((program)) in suicide  
10 assessment, treatment, and management that is approved, in rule, by the  
11 relevant disciplining authority:

12            (i) An adviser or counselor certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

13            (ii) A chemical dependency professional licensed under chapter  
14 18.205 RCW;

15            (iii) A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 18.225  
16 RCW;

17            (iv) A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW;

18            (v) An occupational therapy practitioner licensed under chapter  
19 18.59 RCW;

1 (vi) A psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW; and  
2 (vii) An advanced social worker or independent clinical social  
3 worker licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW.

4 (b) The requirements in (a) of this subsection apply to a person  
5 holding a retired active license for one of the professions in (a) of  
6 this subsection.

7 (c) The training required by this subsection must be at least six  
8 hours in length, unless a disciplinary authority has determined, under  
9 subsection (8)(b) of this section, that training that includes only  
10 screening and referral elements is appropriate for the profession in  
11 question, in which case the training must be at least three hours in  
12 length.

13 (2)(a)(i) Except as provided in (a)(ii) of this subsection, a  
14 professional listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section must complete  
15 the first training required by this section during the first full  
16 continuing education reporting period after ~~((June 7, 2012))~~ January 1,  
17 2014, or the first full continuing education reporting period after  
18 initial licensure or certification, whichever occurs later.

19 (ii) A professional listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section  
20 applying for initial licensure on or after ~~((June 7, 2012))~~ January 1,  
21 2014, may delay completion of the first training required by this  
22 section for six years after initial licensure if he or she can  
23 demonstrate successful completion of ~~((a six hour))~~ the training  
24 ~~((program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management that~~

25 ~~(A) was completed))~~ required in subsection (1) of this section no  
26 more than six years prior to the application for initial licensure~~((~~  
27 ~~and~~

28 ~~(B) is listed on the best practices registry of the American~~  
29 ~~foundation for suicide prevention and the suicide prevention resource~~  
30 ~~center)).~~

31 (3) The hours spent completing ~~((a))~~ training ~~((program))~~ in  
32 suicide assessment, treatment, and management under this section count  
33 toward meeting any applicable continuing education or continuing  
34 competency requirements for each profession.

35 (4)(a) A disciplining authority may, by rule, specify minimum  
36 training and experience that is sufficient to exempt a professional  
37 from the training requirements in subsection (1) of this section.

1 (b) The board of occupational therapy practice may exempt an  
2 occupational (~~(therapists)~~) therapy practitioner from the training  
3 requirements of subsection (1) of this section (~~(by specialty,~~) if the  
4 (~~(specialty in question)~~) occupational therapy practitioner has only  
5 brief or limited patient contact.

6 (5)(a) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall work  
7 collaboratively to develop a model list of training programs in suicide  
8 assessment, treatment, and management.

9 (b) When developing the model list, the secretary and the  
10 disciplining authorities shall:

11 (i) Consider suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
12 programs of at least six hours in length listed on the best practices  
13 registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention and the  
14 suicide prevention resource center; and

15 (ii) Consult with public and private institutions of higher  
16 education, experts in suicide assessment, treatment, and management,  
17 and affected professional associations.

18 (c) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall report the  
19 model list of training programs to the appropriate committees of the  
20 legislature no later than December 15, 2013.

21 (6) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to expand or limit  
22 the scope of practice of any profession regulated under chapter 18.130  
23 RCW.

24 (7) The secretary and the disciplining authorities affected by this  
25 section shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this section.

26 (8) For purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Disciplining authority" has the same meaning as in RCW  
28 18.130.020.

29 (b) "Training (~~(program)~~) in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
30 management" means (~~(an)~~) empirically supported training (~~(program)~~)  
31 approved by the appropriate disciplining authority that contains the  
32 following elements: Suicide assessment, including screening and  
33 referral, suicide treatment, and suicide management. However, the  
34 disciplining authority may approve ((a)) training ((program)) that  
35 ((excludes one of the elements if the element is inappropriate))  
36 includes only screening and referral elements if appropriate for the  
37 profession in question based on the profession's scope of practice.  
38 ~~((A training program that includes only screening and referral elements~~

1 ~~shall be at least three hours in length. All other training programs~~  
2 ~~approved under this section shall be at least six hours in length.))~~  
3 The board of occupational therapy may also approve training that  
4 includes only screening and referral elements if appropriate for  
5 occupational therapy practitioners based on practice setting.

6 (9) A state or local government employee is exempt from the  
7 requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least  
8 six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
9 from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this  
10 subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or may  
11 be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

12 (10) An employee of a community mental health agency licensed under  
13 chapter 71.24 RCW or a chemical dependency program certified under  
14 chapter 70.96A RCW is exempt from the requirements of this section if  
15 he or she receives a total of at least six hours of training in suicide  
16 assessment, treatment, and management from his or her employer every  
17 six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be  
18 provided in one six-hour block or may be spread among shorter training  
19 sessions at the employer's discretion.

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