

1 SUICIDE PREVENTION MODIFICATIONS

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

5 Senate Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill creates a Suicide Prevention Education Program to be administered by the
10 Bureau of Criminal Identification.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ creates a Suicide Prevention Education Program to be created by the state suicide
- 14 prevention coordinator and the Bureau of Criminal Identification;
- 15 ▶ allows the program to provide grants to federal firearms licensees to educate their
- 16 employees regarding suicide prevention; and
- 17 ▶ makes technical corrections.

18 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

19 This bill appropriates:

- 20 ▶ to the Department of Public Safety - Bureau of Criminal Identification, as an
- 21 ongoing appropriation:
- 22 • from the General Fund, \$9,500, for the Suicide Prevention Education Program.

23 Other Special Clauses:

24 None

25 Utah Code Sections Affected:

26 AMENDS:

27 **53-10-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 348



28 **62A-15-1101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 85

29 ENACTS:

30 **53-10-202.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

33 Section 1. Section **53-10-202** is amended to read:

34 **53-10-202. Criminal identification -- Duties of bureau.**

35 The bureau shall:

36 (1) procure and file information relating to identification and activities of persons who:

37 (a) are fugitives from justice;

38 (b) are wanted or missing;

39 (c) have been arrested for or convicted of a crime under the laws of any state or nation;

40 and

41 (d) are believed to be involved in racketeering, organized crime, or a dangerous

42 offense;

43 (2) establish a statewide uniform crime reporting system that shall include:

44 (a) statistics concerning general categories of criminal activities;

45 (b) statistics concerning crimes that exhibit evidence of prejudice based on race,

46 religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnicity, or other categories that the division finds

47 appropriate; and

48 (c) other statistics as required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

49 (3) make a complete and systematic record and index of the information obtained

50 under this part;

51 (4) subject to the restrictions in this part, establish policy concerning the use and

52 dissemination of data obtained under this part;

53 (5) publish an annual report concerning the extent, fluctuation, distribution, and nature

54 of crime in Utah;

55 (6) establish a statewide central register for the identification and location of missing

56 persons, which may include:

57 (a) identifying data including fingerprints of each missing person;

58 (b) identifying data of any missing person who is reported as missing to a law

59 enforcement agency having jurisdiction;

60 (c) dates and circumstances of any persons requesting or receiving information from
61 the register; and

62 (d) any other information, including blood types and photographs found necessary in
63 furthering the purposes of this part;

64 (7) publish a quarterly directory of missing persons for distribution to persons or
65 entities likely to be instrumental in the identification and location of missing persons;

66 (8) list the name of every missing person with the appropriate nationally maintained
67 missing persons lists;

68 (9) establish and operate a 24-hour communication network for reports of missing
69 persons and reports of sightings of missing persons;

70 (10) coordinate with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other
71 agencies to facilitate the identification and location of missing persons and the identification of
72 unidentified persons and bodies;

73 (11) receive information regarding missing persons, as provided in Sections [26-2-27](#)
74 and [53A-11-502](#), and stolen vehicles, vessels, and outboard motors, as provided in Section
75 [41-1a-1401](#);

76 (12) adopt systems of identification, including the fingerprint system, to be used by the
77 division to facilitate law enforcement;

78 (13) assign a distinguishing number or mark of identification to any pistol or revolver,
79 as provided in Section [76-10-520](#);

80 (14) check certain criminal records databases for information regarding motor vehicle
81 salesperson applicants, maintain a separate file of fingerprints for motor vehicle salespersons,
82 and inform the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division when new entries are made for certain
83 criminal offenses for motor vehicle salespersons in accordance with the requirements of
84 Section [41-3-205.5](#);

85 (15) check certain criminal records databases for information regarding driving
86 privilege card applicants or cardholders and maintain a separate file of fingerprints for driving
87 privilege applicants and cardholders and inform the federal Immigration and Customs
88 Enforcement Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security when new entries
89 are made in accordance with the requirements of Section [53-3-205.5](#).

90 (16) review and approve or disapprove applications for license renewal that meet the
91 requirements for renewal;

92 (17) forward to the board those applications for renewal under Subsection (16) that do
93 not meet the requirements for renewal; and

94 (18) within funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, implement and
95 manage the operation of a firearm safety program, in conjunction with the state suicide
96 prevention coordinator, as described in this section and Section 62A-15-1101, including:

97 (a) coordinating with the Department of Health, local mental health and substance
98 abuse authorities, [~~the State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator~~] a nonprofit
99 behavioral health advocacy group, and a representative from a Utah-based nonprofit
100 organization with expertise in the field of firearm use and safety that represents firearm owners,
101 to:

102 (i) produce a firearm safety brochure with information about the safe handling and use
103 of firearms that includes:

104 (A) rules for safe handling, storage, and use of firearms in a home environment;

105 (B) information about at-risk individuals and individuals who are legally prohibited
106 from possessing firearms;

107 (C) information about suicide prevention and awareness; and

108 (D) information about the availability of firearm safety packets;

109 (ii) procure cable-style gun locks for distribution pursuant to this section; [~~and~~]

110 (iii) produce a firearm safety packet that includes both the firearm safety brochure
111 described in Subsection (18)(a)(i) and the cable-style gun lock described in Subsection
112 (18)(a)(ii); and

113 (iv) create a Suicide Prevention Education Course that:

114 (A) provides information that includes posters for display and pamphlets or brochures
115 for distribution regarding firearm safety education;

116 (B) incorporates current information on how to recognize suicidal behaviors and
117 identify persons who may be suicidal;

118 (C) provides information regarding crisis intervention resources; and

119 (D) provides continuing education in the area of suicide prevention;

120 (b) distributing, free of charge, the firearm safety packet to the following persons, who

121 shall make the firearm safety packet available free of charge:

122 (i) health care providers, including emergency rooms;

123 (ii) mental health practitioners;

124 (iii) other public health suicide prevention organizations;

125 (iv) entities that teach firearm safety courses; and

126 (v) school districts for use in the seminar, described in Section 53A-15-1302, for

127 parents of students in the school district;

128 (c) creating and administering a redeemable coupon program described in this section

129 and Section 76-10-526, that may include:

130 (i) producing a redeemable coupon that offers between \$10 and \$200 off the purchase

131 of a gun safe from a participating federally licensed firearms dealer, as defined in Section

132 76-10-501, by a Utah resident who has filed an application for a concealed firearm permit;

133 (ii) advertising the redeemable coupon program to all federally licensed firearms

134 dealers and maintaining a list of dealers who wish to participate in the program;

135 (iii) printing or writing the name of a Utah resident who has filed an application for a

136 concealed firearm permit on the redeemable coupon;

137 (iv) mailing the redeemable coupon and the firearm safety brochure to Utah residents

138 who have filed an application for a concealed firearm permit; and

139 (v) collecting from the participating dealers receipts described in Section 76-10-526

140 and reimbursing the dealers;

141 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

142 making rules that establish procedures for:

143 (i) producing and distributing the firearm safety brochures and packets;

144 (ii) procuring the cable-style gun locks for distribution; and

145 (iii) administering the redeemable coupon program; and

146 (e) reporting to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

147 regarding implementation and success of the firearm safety program:

148 (i) during the 2016 interim, before November 1; and

149 (ii) during the 2018 interim, before June 1.

150 Section 2. Section 53-10-202.3 is enacted to read:

151 **53-10-202.3. Suicide Prevention Education Program -- Definitions -- Grant**

152 **requirements.**

153 (1) As used in this section:

154 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201
155 within the Department of Public Safety.

156 (b) "Coordinator" means the state suicide prevention coordinator designated in Section
157 62A-15-1101.

158 (c) "Course" means the Suicide Prevention Education Course created in Subsection
159 53-10-202(18)(a)(iv).

160 (2) There is created a Suicide Prevention Education Program to fund suicide
161 prevention education opportunities for federally licensed firearms dealers who operate a retail
162 establishment open to the public and the dealers' employees.

163 (3) The bureau shall provide a grant to an employer in Subsection (2) following the
164 criteria provided in accordance with Subsection 62A-15-1101(8)(b).

165 (4) An employer may apply for a grant of up to \$2500 under the program.

166 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1101** is amended to read:

167 **62A-15-1101. Suicide prevention -- Reporting requirements.**

168 (1) As used in the section:

169 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201
170 within the Department of Public Safety.

171 (b) "Division" means the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

172 (c) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a person from attempting suicide.

173 (d) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to
174 prevent or contain contagion.

175 (e) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual designated by the
176 division as described in Subsections (2) and (3).

177 (2) The division shall appoint a state suicide prevention coordinator to administer a
178 state suicide prevention program composed of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention
179 programs, services, and efforts.

180 (3) The state suicide prevention program may include the following components:

181 (a) delivery of resources, tools, and training to community-based coalitions;

182 (b) evidence-based suicide risk assessment tools and training;

- 183 (c) town hall meetings for building community-based suicide prevention strategies;
184 (d) suicide prevention gatekeeper training;
185 (e) training to identify warning signs and to manage an at-risk individual's crisis;
186 (f) evidence-based intervention training;
187 (g) intervention skills training; and
188 (h) postvention training.
- 189 (4) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall coordinate with at least the
190 following:
- 191 (a) local mental health and substance abuse authorities;
192 (b) the State Board of Education, including the State Office of Education suicide
193 prevention coordinator described in Section [53A-15-1301](#);
194 (c) the Department of Health;
195 (d) health care providers, including emergency rooms; and
196 (e) other public health suicide prevention efforts.
- 197 (5) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall provide a written report, and shall
198 orally report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October meeting
199 every year, on:
- 200 (a) implementation of the state suicide prevention program, as described in Subsections
201 (2) and (3);
202 (b) data measuring the effectiveness of each component of the state suicide prevention
203 program;
204 (c) funds appropriated for each component of the state suicide prevention program; and
205 (d) five-year trends of suicides in Utah, including subgroups of youths and adults and
206 other subgroups identified by the state suicide prevention coordinator.
- 207 (6) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall report to the Legislature's Education
208 Interim Committee, by the October 2015 meeting, jointly with the State Board of Education, on
209 the coordination of suicide prevention programs and efforts with the State Board of Education
210 and the State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator as described in Section
211 [53A-15-1301](#).
- 212 (7) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall consult with the bureau to implement
213 and manage the operation of a firearm safety program, as described in Subsection

214 53-10-202(18) and Section 53-10-202.1, and the Suicide Prevention Education Program
215 described in Section 53-10-202.3.

216 (8) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
217 division shall make rules:

218 (a) governing the implementation of the state suicide prevention program, consistent
219 with this section[-]; and

220 (b) in conjunction with the Bureau of Criminal Identification, defining the criteria for
221 employers to apply for grants under the Suicide Prevention Education Program in Section
222 53-10-202.3, which shall include:

223 (i) attendance at a suicide prevention education course; and

224 (ii) display of posters and distribution of the firearm safety brochures or packets
225 created in Subsection 53-10-202(18)(a)(iii), but does not require distribution of a cable-style
226 gun lock with a firearm if the firearm already has a trigger lock or comparable safety
227 mechanism.

228 Section 4. **Appropriation.**

229 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
230 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money
231 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
232 previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in
233 addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

234 To Bureau of Criminal Identification - Department of Public Safety

235 From General Fund \$9,500

236 Schedule of Programs:

237 Suicide Prevention Education Program \$9,500

Legislative Review Note
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