

Representative Brian S. King proposes the following substitute bill:

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs;
- ▶ divides elements of the youth suicide prevention programs between elementary grades and secondary grades;
- ▶ requires communication between the school district or charter school and certain parents or guardians;
- ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to ensure coordination between youth suicide prevention programs and certain other prevention programs;
- ▶ repeals a separate program to consolidate funding and effort into one comprehensive suicide prevention program; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:



26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **53G-9-702**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 293, 324, and 447

30 REPEALS:

31 **53F-5-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414 and renumbered and
32 amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2

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

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

36 **53G-9-702. Youth suicide prevention programs -- State board to develop model**
37 **programs.**

38 (1) As used in the section:

39 (a) "Elementary grades" means:

40 (i) kindergarten through grade 5; and

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

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

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

45 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Program" means a youth suicide prevention program described in Subsection
46 (2).

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

49 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Secondary grades" means:

50 (i) ~~means~~ grades 7 through 12; and

51 (ii) if a middle or junior high school includes grade 6, ~~includes~~ grade 6.

52 ~~(f)~~ (g) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention
53 coordinator described in Section **62A-15-1101**.

54 (2) In collaboration with the public education suicide prevention coordinator, a school
55 district or charter school~~[, in the secondary grades of the school district or charter school,]~~ shall
56 implement a youth suicide prevention program, which, in collaboration with the training,

57 programs, and initiatives described in Section [53G-9-607](#), shall include programs and training
58 to address:

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

60 (a) for elementary grades and secondary grades:

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

63 (ii) methods of strengthening the family; and

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

65 (b) for secondary grades:

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

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

68 (A) not accepted by family for any reason, including lesbian, gay, bisexual,

69 transgender, or questioning youth; or

70 (B) suffer from bullying;

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

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

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

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

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

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

77 prevention program described in Subsection (2):

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

79 (i) the prevention of bullying and cyber-bullying, as those terms are defined in Section
80 [53G-9-601](#); and

81 (ii) the prevention of underage drinking of alcohol and substance abuse under Section
82 [53G-10-406](#); and

83 (b) includes provisions to ensure that the school district or charter school promptly
84 communicates with the parent or guardian of a student in accordance with Section [53G-9-604](#).

85 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The state board shall:

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

87 (b) in collaboration with the Department of ~~Heath~~ Health and the state suicide

88 prevention coordinator, develop model programs to provide to school districts and charter
89 schools:

- 90 (i) program training; and
- 91 (ii) resources regarding the required components described in ~~[Subsection (2)(b)]~~
92 Subsections (2)(a) and (b).

93 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The public education suicide prevention coordinator shall:

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

96 (b) coordinate prevention and postvention programs, services, and efforts with the state
97 suicide prevention coordinator~~;~~ and.

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

99 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A public school suicide prevention program may allow school personnel to
100 ask a student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention.

101 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the state board may distribute money
102 to a school district or charter school to be used to implement evidence-based practices and
103 programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide in the school district
104 or charter school.

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

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

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

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

115 **Section 2. Repealer.**

116 This bill repeals:

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