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

- (1) As used in the section:
 - (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201 within the Department of Public Safety.
 - (b) "Division" means the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.
 - (c) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a person from attempting suicide.
 - (d) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to prevent or contain contagion.
 - (e) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual designated by the division as described in Subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) The division shall appoint a state suicide prevention coordinator to administer a state suicide prevention program composed of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention programs, services, and efforts.
- (3) The state suicide prevention program may include the following components:
 - (a) delivery of resources, tools, and training to community-based coalitions;
 - (b) evidence-based suicide risk assessment tools and training;
 - (c) town hall meetings for building community-based suicide prevention strategies;
 - (d) suicide prevention gatekeeper training;
 - (e) training to identify warning signs and to manage an at-risk individual's crisis;
 - (f) evidence-based intervention training;
 - (g) intervention skills training; and
 - (h) postvention training.
- (4) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall coordinate with the following to gather statistics, among other duties:
 - (a) local mental health and substance abuse authorities;
 - (b) the State Board of Education, including the public education suicide prevention coordinator described in Section 53A-15-1301;
 - (c) the Department of Health;
 - (d) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
 - (e) federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - (f) other unbiased sources; and
 - (g) other public health suicide prevention efforts.
- (5) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall provide a written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October meeting every year, on:
 - (a) implementation of the state suicide prevention program, as described in Subsections (2) and (3);
 - (b) data measuring the effectiveness of each component of the state suicide prevention program;
 - (c) funds appropriated for each component of the state suicide prevention program; and
 - (d) five-year trends of suicides in Utah, including subgroups of youths and adults and other subgroups identified by the state suicide prevention coordinator.
- (6) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall report to the Legislature's:
 - (a) Education Interim Committee, by the October 2015 meeting, jointly with the State Board of Education, on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and efforts with the State Board of Education and the public education suicide prevention coordinator as described in Section 53A-15-1301; and

- (b) Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October 2017 meeting, statistics on the number of annual suicides in Utah, including how many suicides were committed with a gun, and if so:
 - (i) where the victim procured the gun and if the gun was legally possessed by the victim;
 - (ii) if the victim purchased the gun legally and whether a background check was performed before the victim purchased the gun;
 - (iii) whether the victim had a history of mental illness or was under the treatment of a mental health professional;
 - (iv) whether any medication or illegal drugs or alcohol were also involved in the suicide; and
 - (v) if the suicide incident also involved the injury or death of another individual, whether the shooter had a history of domestic violence.
- (7) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall consult with the bureau to implement and manage the operation of a firearm safety program, as described in Subsection 53-10-202(18) and Section 53-10-202.1.
- (8) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall make rules governing the implementation of the state suicide prevention program, consistent with this section.

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