

Effective 5/10/2016

62A-15-1102 Study on gun use -- Report.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Coordinator" means the state suicide prevention coordinator described in Section 62A-15-1101.
 - (b) "Legal intervention" means an incident in which an individual is shot by another individual who has legal authority to use deadly force.
 - (c) "Shooter" means an individual who uses a gun in an act that results in the death of the actor or another individual, whether the act was a suicide, homicide, legal intervention, act of self-defense, or accident.
- (2) The coordinator shall, by October 30, 2018, conduct a study on use of guns in the state and on an ongoing basis report on the progress and findings of the study to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.
- (3) By October 30, 2016, the coordinator shall:
 - (a) determine what information, and from which state, local, and federal agencies, will be necessary to complete the study;
 - (b) determine how much the study will cost;
 - (c) make recommendations for legislation, if any, that will be necessary to facilitate information-sharing between local, state, federal, and private entities and the coordinator; and
 - (d) report the findings described in Subsections (3)(a) through (c) to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.
- (4) The study described in Subsection (2) shall investigate:
 - (a) the number of deaths in the state that involved a gun, including deaths from suicide, homicide including gang-related violence, legal intervention, self-defense, and accidents;
 - (b) where and how a gun that was involved in a death described in Subsection (4)(a) was procured, and whether that procurement was legal;
 - (c) demographic information on the shooter and, where applicable, a victim of a death described in Subsection (4)(a), including gender, race, age, criminal history, and gang affiliation, if any;
 - (d) the total estimated number of gun owners in the state;
 - (e) information on the shooter, including whether the shooter has a history of:
 - (i) mental illness; or
 - (ii) domestic violence; and
 - (f) whether gun deaths are seasonal.
- (5) The coordinator shall ensure that the study described in Subsection (2) is conducted in an unbiased manner, with no preconceived conclusions about potential results.
- (6) The coordinator may contract with another state agency, private entity, or research institution to assist the coordinator and office with the study required by Subsection (2).
- (7)
 - (a) The coordinator shall submit a final report on the study described in Subsection (2), including proposed legislation and recommendations, to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30, 2018.
 - (b) The final report shall include references to all sources of information and data used in the report and study.

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