

- 28 ▶ provides for compensation of legislators who are members of the task force;
- 29 ▶ provides that the task force will be staffed by the Office of Legislative Research and
- 30 General Counsel;
- 31 ▶ designates the minimum and maximum number of meetings that the task force may
- 32 hold;
- 33 ▶ provides for the creation of working or advisory groups to assist in fulfilling the
- 34 duties of the task force;
- 35 ▶ requires the task force to present a report to the Health and Human Services Interim
- 36 Committee regarding ~~H~~→ **the statewide suicide prevention plan developed by the**
- 36a **task force**, ←~~H~~ the determinations of the task force and legislative action that
- 37 could be taken to prevent suicides in the state; and
- 38 ▶ requires certain government agencies to provide information and recommendations
- 39 to the task force.

40 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

- 41 This bill appropriates:
- 42 ▶ \$31,900 in nonlapsing funds from the General Fund for the fiscal year 2006-07
- 43 only, to fund the task force.

44 **Other Special Clauses:**

45 Sections 6 through 12 of this bill are repealed on December 1, 2007.

46 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

47 ENACTS:

- 48 **62A-16-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 49 **62A-16-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 50 **62A-16-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 51 **62A-16-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 52 **62A-16-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

54 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



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

57 Section 1. Section **62A-16-101** is enacted to read:

58 **CHAPTER 16. UTAH SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT**

59 62A-16-101. Title.

60 This chapter is known as the "Utah Suicide Prevention Act."

61 Section 2. Section **62A-16-102** is enacted to read:

62 **62A-16-102. Legislative findings and purpose.**

63 (1) The Legislature finds that:

64 (a) suicide has a significant negative impact on individuals, families, and communities
65 in the state;

66 (b) action can and must be taken to address the multiple factors that contribute to
67 suicide; and

68 (c) the state must study the problem of suicide and ~~H→ [determine whether it would be~~
69 ~~beneficial to]~~ ~~←H~~ develop and implement a comprehensive statewide plan to prevent suicides in the
70 state.

71 (2) The purpose of this act is to:

72 (a) discover contributing factors relating to suicide;

73 (b) ~~H→ [make the determination described in Subsection (1)(c)] develop and implement a~~
74a ~~suicide prevention plan~~ ~~←H~~ ;

74 ~~H→ [(c) take appropriate action in response to the determination made under Subsection~~
75 ~~(2)(b);]~~ ~~←H~~ and

76 ~~H→ [(d)] (c) [to] ←H support community, charitable, and faith-based organizations in their~~
77a efforts to
77 reduce suicide rates and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the state.

78 Section 3. Section **62A-16-103** is enacted to read:

79 **62A-16-103. Definitions.**

80 As used in this chapter:

81 (1) "Suicide prevention plan" means a statewide suicide prevention plan, developed by
82 the department, to prevent suicides in the state.

83 (2) "Task force" means the Utah Suicide Prevention Task Force.

84 Section 4. Section **62A-16-104** is enacted to read:

85 **62A-16-104. Duties of the Department of Human Services.**

86 Beginning on December 1, 2007, the department shall:

87 (1) carry out the purposes of this chapter, described in Subsections 62A-16-102(2)(a) ~~H→ [;~~
88a ~~and~~ ~~←H~~

88 (c) ~~H→ [; and (d)] ←H ; ~~H→ [and] ←H~~~~

89 (2) ~~H→ [if the task force determines that a suicide prevention plan should be developed:~~

90 ~~(a)] ←H manage, implement, and update the suicide prevention plan;~~

91 ~~H→ [(b)] (3) ←H ensure that the suicide prevention plan:~~

92 ~~H→ [(i)] (a) ←H includes specific, implementable, and measurable actions that may~~

92a be taken by
 93 various governmental agencies, nongovernmental organizations, families, and individuals to
 94 prevent and respond to suicide;

95 ~~Ĥ→ [(iii)] (b) ←Ĥ~~ identifies the actions described in Subsection ~~Ĥ→ [(2)(b)(i)] (3)(a) ←Ĥ~~
 95a that:

96 ~~Ĥ→ [(A)] (i) ←Ĥ~~ have already been implemented;

97 ~~Ĥ→ [(B)] (ii) ←Ĥ~~ could be implemented within existing state budgets; and

98 ~~Ĥ→ [(C)] (iii) ←Ĥ~~ will require additional funding to be implemented or continued,
 98a specifying for each

99 the amount and potential source of funding that will be required;

100 ~~Ĥ→ [(iii)] (c) ←Ĥ~~ includes the appropriate delivery of services to communities;

101 ~~Ĥ→ [(iv)] (d) ←Ĥ~~ establishes a coordinated system for the utilization of data for the
 101a prevention of
 102 suicide;

103 ~~Ĥ→ [(v)] (e) ←Ĥ~~ includes, if the department determines it to be beneficial, training for
 103a professional
 104 caregivers who work with populations that have a high risk of suicide;

105 ~~Ĥ→ [(vi)] (f) ←Ĥ~~ is based on scientifically verifiable and quantifiable data and studies;

106 ~~Ĥ→ [(vii)] (g) ←Ĥ~~ does not include mandatory testing, questioning, or interviewing of
 106a groups of
 107 children, students, teenagers, or other people in order to determine if some of them may be at
 108 risk of suicide;

109 ~~Ĥ→ [(viii)] (h) ←Ĥ~~ requires that consent for the testing, questioning, or interviewing
 109a described in

110 Subsection ~~Ĥ→ [(2)(b)(viii)] (3)(g) ←Ĥ~~ shall be informed and lawful; and

111 ~~Ĥ→ [(ix)] (i) ←Ĥ~~ incorporates recommendations made by the task force; and

112 ~~Ĥ→ [(c)] (4) ←Ĥ~~ ensure that educational resources produced in relation to the suicide
 112a prevention plan
 113 are presented in a simple, clear format that can be easily understood by people who are not
 114 knowledgeable in subjects relating to suicide or suicide prevention.

115 Section 5. Section 62A-16-105 is enacted to read:

116 **62A-16-105. Annual reports by the Department of Health and the Department of**
 117 **Human Services.**

118 (1) The Department of Health shall, on or before November 30 of each year, report to
 119 the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding the following:

120 (a) suicide rates in the state, broken down by groups based on age, gender, and

121 minority status;

122 (b) a comparison of the suicide rates described in Subsection (1)(a) with the rates in the
 123 same categories nationally, and for each state within the United States, to the extent the
 124 information is available; ~~H→ [and] ←H~~

125 (c) the ~~H→ [relationship between suicide and the use or abuse]~~ incidence of the
 125a presence ~~←H~~ of psychotropic drugs,
 126 prescription drugs, illicit drugs, and other drugs ~~H→ in the bodies of deceased persons suspected~~
 126a of committing suicide [;]; and

126b (d)the incidence of the use of firearms to commit suicide. ~~←H~~

127 (2) Beginning in 2008, the Department of Human Services shall, on or before
 128 November 30 of each year, report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
 129 regarding the following:

130 (a) the progress made by the department in fulfilling the duties described in Section
 131 62A-16-104; and

132 (b) suggestions for legislative action that can be taken to prevent suicides in the state.

133 **Section 6. Utah Suicide Prevention Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --**
 134 **Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

135 (1) There is created the Utah Suicide Prevention Task Force consisting of the following
 136 members:

137 (a) four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, no more than
 138 three of whom may be from the same political party; and

139 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
 140 House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

141 (2) (a) The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
 142 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

143 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the
 144 House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

145 (3) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum.

146 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

147 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
 148 with Section 36-2-2 and legislative rule.

149 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
 150 to the task force.

151 **Section 7. Duties -- Meetings.**

152 (1) The task force shall:

153 (a) study issues related to suicide, including:

154 (i) the causes of suicide;

- 155 (ii) identifying groups at risk of suicide;
 156 (iii) the incidence of suicide among minority populations;
 157 (iv) the incidence of suicide among children, including children in the court system and
 158 children in foster care;
 159 (v) the incidence of suicide among the elderly;
 160 (vi) methods of preventing suicide;
 161 (vii) the ~~H→ [relationship between suicide and the use or abuse]~~ incidence of the
 161a presence ←H of psychotropic drugs,
 162 prescription drugs, illicit drugs, and other drugs H→ in the bodies of deceased persons suspected
 162a of committing suicide ←H ; H→ [and] ←H
 163 (viii) methods of coordinating information among and between pharmacies and
 164 physicians that may assist in preventing suicides and drug abuse; H→ and
 164a (ix) the incidence of the use of firearms to commit suicide; ←H
 165 (b) H→ [determine whether it would be beneficial to] ←H develop a statewide suicide
 165a prevention
 166 plan to reduce the number of suicides in the state;
 167 (c) advise the Legislature regarding actions that can be taken H→ to ←H ;
 168 (i) improve the quality of life in the state by reducing suicide and its affect on
 169 individuals, families, and communities;
 170 (ii) increase the public's awareness of suicide, the risk factors of suicide, and methods
 171 of preventing suicide;
 172 (iii) enhance suicide prevention services and programs throughout the state;
 173 (iv) coordinate and develop community resources through comprehensive and
 174 collaborative government, community-based, charitable, family-based, and faith-based
 175 approaches to suicide prevention; and
 176 (v) strengthen existing partnerships, and build new partnerships, between public and
 177 private entities that will advance suicide prevention efforts in the state;
 178 (d) identify additional research that needs to be done, or action that should be taken, in
 179 order to:
 180 (i) increase understanding by the community of issues relating to suicide; and
 181 (ii) increase collaboration among organizations that provide services relating to suicide
 182 prevention;

183 (e) study and make recommendations regarding whether the department could more
 184 effectively provide suicide prevention services by reorganizing existing structures or programs
 185 within the department; and

186 (f) receive input from:

187 (i) stakeholders, professional associations, and other public, private, faith-based, or
 188 charitable organizations that provide services relating to suicide prevention or remediation; and

189 (ii) other groups that are considering plans, methods, or programs for preventing
 190 suicide in the state, including the Department of Health's Prescription Drug Abuse Working
 191 Group.

192 (2) The task force:

193 (a) shall meet at least monthly during the 2007 interim; and

194 (b) may meet up to ten times during the 2007 interim.

195 **Section 8. Working or advisory groups.**

196 The task force may create working or advisory groups to advise and assist the task force
 197 in fulfilling the duties of the task force.

198 **Section 9. Report by the task force.**

199 Before November 30, 2007, the task force shall present a report to the Health and
 200 Human Services interim committee regarding:

201 (1) ~~H~~→ [whether it would be beneficial to:

202 —— (a) ~~develop a~~ the ~~←H~~ suicide prevention plan ~~H~~→ developed by the task force ~~←H~~ ;
 202a ~~H~~→ [or

203 —— (b) (2) whether it would be beneficial to ~~←H~~ reorganize existing structures or programs
 203a within the department; and

204 ~~H~~→ [(2)] (3) ~~←H~~ legislative action that could be taken to prevent suicides in the state.

205 **Section 10. Reports to Utah Suicide Prevention Task Force.**

206 (1) On or before July 1, 2007, each of the following agencies shall provide to the task
 207 force the report described in Subsection (2):

208 (a) the Department of Human Services;

209 (b) the Department of Health;

210 (c) the Department of Corrections;

211 (d) the Utah Division of Indian Affairs, within the Department of Community and
 212 Culture; and

213 (e) the Administrative Office of the Courts.

- 214 (2) The report provided under Subsection (1) shall include:
215 (a) a brief description, including funding levels, of each program under the direction of
216 the reporting agency that provides services related to suicide prevention;
217 (b) recommendations regarding modifications, within current budgets, that could be
218 made to improve suicide prevention;
219 (c) a brief description of new programs that, if instituted, could have a significant
220 impact on reducing suicide rates or drug abuse that may impact suicidal tendencies, including
221 in the description the funding that would be necessary to implement those programs;
222 (d) recommendations regarding measures that can be taken to prevent suicide through
223 education, outreach, and interagency collaboration;
224 (e) identification of nongovernmental groups and services that could be utilized in
225 cooperation with government programs and services to improve suicide prevention; and
226 (f) recommendations regarding measures that can be taken to prevent suicides within
227 specific groups, including:
228 (i) the elderly;
229 (ii) children in foster care;
230 (iii) other children;
231 (iv) minorities; and
232 (v) other groups within the community.

233 Section 11. **Appropriation.**

- 234 (1) There is appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal year 2006-07 only:
235 (a) \$11,600 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the
236 task force; and
237 (b) \$20,300 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses
238 of representatives on the task force.

239 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that this appropriation is nonlapsing.

240 Section 12. **Repeal date.**

241 Sections 6 through 12 of this bill are repealed on December 1, 2007.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will appropriate for FY 2007 one-time, non-lapsing General Funds of \$11,600 to the Senate and \$20,300 to the House of Representatives, a total of \$31,900, for a task force to study and determine the best way to prevent suicide.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$31,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$31,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
