PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH PROTECTION
2014 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason
Senate Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies programs to protect youth.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
- provides money for schools to implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide; and
- imposes requirements regarding a parent seminar on youth protection offered by school districts, including:
  - the number of parent seminars to be offered annually; and
  - the curriculum.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015:
- to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the [General Education Fund, $225,500] $159,000

Other Special Clauses:
This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
53A-15-1301, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 194
parents of students in the school district that:

(i) is offered at no cost to parents;
(ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;
(iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district; and
(iv) is offered once a year; and
(v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

(b) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000 students enrolled in the school district.

(c) A school district may:
(i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or
(ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection (2).

(d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries of the school district of the date and time of the parent seminar, so the charter school may inform parents of the seminar.

(2) The State Board of Education shall:
(a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes information on:
(i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;
(ii) bullying;
(iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness; suicide prevention, including education on limiting access to fatal means; and suicide prevention, including education on limiting access to fatal means; and
(iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

(b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon request.

(3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent seminar, including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.

(4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee by the November 2014 meeting on:
(a) the progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
(b) the estimated attendance reported by each school district;
(c) a recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program; and
(d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described
in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.

(5) (a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school
board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or
value to families in the school district.
(b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school
board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school
board chose not to offer the parent seminar.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money
are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

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Section 4. **Effective date.**

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