

**PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH PROTECTION**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**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 Fund, \$225,500.

**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



28 **53A-15-1302**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 139

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

31 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is amended to read:

32 **53A-15-1301. Youth suicide prevention programs required in secondary schools**  
33 **-- State Board of Education to develop model programs -- Reporting requirements.**

34 (1) As used in the section:

35 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

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

37 (c) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to  
38 prevent or contain contagion.

39 (d) "Program" means a youth suicide prevention program described in Subsection (2).

40 (e) "Secondary grades":

41 (i) means grades 7 through 12; and

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

43 (f) "State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator" means a person  
44 designated by the board as described in Subsection (3).

45 (g) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention  
46 coordinator described in Section **62A-15-1101**.

47 (2) (a) In collaboration with the State Office of Education suicide prevention  
48 coordinator, a school district or charter school shall implement a youth suicide prevention  
49 program in the secondary grades of the school district or charter school.

50 (b) A school district or charter school's program shall include the following  
51 components:

52 (i) prevention of youth suicides;

53 (ii) youth suicide intervention; and

54 (iii) postvention for family, students, and faculty.

55 (3) The board shall:

56 (a) designate a State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator; and

57 (b) in collaboration with the Department of Health and the state suicide prevention  
58 coordinator, develop model programs to provide to school districts and charter schools:

- 59 (i) program training; and
- 60 (ii) resources regarding the required components described in Subsection (2)(b).
- 61 (4) The State Office of Education suicide prevention coordinator shall:
- 62 (a) oversee the youth suicide prevention programs of school districts and charter
- 63 schools; and
- 64 (b) coordinate prevention and postvention programs, services, and efforts with the state
- 65 suicide prevention coordinator.
- 66 (5) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the board may distribute money to a school
- 67 district or charter school to be used to implement [a program] evidence-based practices and
- 68 programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide in the school district
- 69 or charter school.
- 70 (b) The board shall distribute money under Subsection (5)(a) so that each school that
- 71 enrolls students in grade 7 or a higher grade receives an allocation of at least \$500, or a lesser
- 72 amount per school if the legislative appropriation is not sufficient to provide at least \$500 per
- 73 school.
- 74 (c) (i) A school shall use money allocated to the school under Subsection (5)(b) to
- 75 implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs,
- 76 for preventing suicide.
- 77 (ii) Each school may select the evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging
- 78 best practices and programs, for preventing suicide that the school implements.
- 79 (6) (a) The board shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee, by the
- 80 November 2014 meeting, jointly with the state suicide prevention coordinator, on:
- 81 (i) the progress of school district and charter school programs; and
- 82 (ii) the board's coordination efforts with the Department of Health and the state suicide
- 83 prevention coordinator.
- 84 (b) School districts and charter schools shall provide to the board information that is
- 85 necessary for the board's report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee as required in
- 86 Subsection (6)(a).
- 87 Section 2. Section **53A-15-1302** is amended to read:
- 88 **53A-15-1302. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**
- 89 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a school district shall offer a seminar for

90 parents of students in the school district that:

91 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;

92 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;

93 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district; and

94 [~~(iv) is offered once a year; and~~]

95 [~~(v)~~] (iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

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

98 [~~(b)~~] (c) A school district may:

99 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

100 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection  
101 (2).

102 [~~(c)~~] (d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance  
103 boundaries of the school district of the date and time of [~~the~~] a parent seminar, so the charter  
104 school may inform parents of the seminar.

105 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

106 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that  
107 includes information on:

108 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

109 (ii) bullying;

110 (iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; [~~and~~]

111 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

112 (v) home firearm storage safety; and

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

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

119 (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim  
120 Committee by the November 2014 meeting on:

- 121 (a) the progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
- 122 (b) the estimated attendance reported by each school district;
- 123 (c) a recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program; and
- 124 (d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described
- 125 in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.

126 (5) (a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school  
 127 board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or  
 128 value to families in the school district.

129 (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school  
 130 board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school  
 131 board chose not to offer the parent seminar.

132 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

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

138	<u>To State Board of Education - State Office of Education</u>	
139	<u>From General Fund</u>	<u>\$225,500</u>
140	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
141	<u>Teaching and Learning</u>	<u>\$225,500</u>

142 **Section 4. Effective date.**

143 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.