Representative Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions relating to suicide prevention programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- establishes reporting requirements;
- creates a position in the Department of Health; and
- provides for grant awards for suicide prevention programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year [2017] 2018:

- to Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention -- Office of the Medical Examiner, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from General Fund, $85,000;
- to Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health -- Community Mental Health Services, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from General Fund, $100,000;
- to State Board of Education -- State Administrative Office -- Teaching and Learning, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from General Fund, ($100,000);
• from Education Fund, \$225,000 \$145,000; and

to Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention -- Office of the Medical Examiner:

From General Fund, as an ongoing appropriation, \$15,000

From General Fund, as a one-time appropriation, \$95,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

62A-15-1101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 144, 164, and 168

ENACTS:

26-4-28.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-15-1303, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section 26-4-28.5 is enacted to read:

26-4-28.5. Psychological autopsy examiner.

(1) With funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the department shall provide compensation, at a standard rate determined by the department, to a psychological autopsy examiner.

(2) The psychological autopsy examiner shall:

(a) work with the medical examiner to compile data regarding suicide related deaths;

(b) as relatives of the deceased are willing, gather information from relatives of the deceased regarding the psychological reasons for the decedent's death;

(c) maintain a database of information described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b);

(d) in accordance with all applicable privacy laws subject to approval by department, share the database described in Subsection (2)(c) with the University of Utah Department of Psychiatry or other university-based departments conducting research on suicide;

(e) coordinate no less than monthly with the suicide prevention coordinator described in Subsection 62A-15-1101(2); and

(f) coordinate no less than quarterly with the state suicide prevention coalition.

Section 2. Section 53A-15-1303 is enacted to read:

53A-15-1303. Grant awards for elementary programs.

(1) To foster peer-to-peer suicide prevention, resiliency, and anti-bullying programs in elementary schools, the public education suicide prevention coordinator, described in Section
Schedule of Programs:
Office of the Medical Examiner $85,000

The Legislature intends that the amount provided by this Item 1 be used to fund the appointment of a psychological autopsy examiner, as described in Section 26-4-28.5.

ITEM 2
To Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
From General Fund $100,000

Schedule of Programs:
Community Mental Health Services $100,000

The Legislature intends that the amount provided by this item be used to fund the grant awards described in Subsection 62A-15-1101(10).

ITEM 3
To State Board of Education -- State Administrative Office
From General Fund ($100,000)
From Education Fund $225,000 $145,000

Schedule of Programs:
Teaching and Learning Student Advocacy Services $45,000

ITEM 4
To Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention
From General Fund $15,000
From General Fund, One-Time $95,000

Schedule of Programs:
Office of the Medical Examiner $110,000

The Legislature intends that:
(1) General Fund money provided to the State Board of Education -- State Administrative Office in the 2013 General Session, H.B. 154, for a public education suicide prevention coordinator as designated in Subsection 53A-15-1301(3) be redirected to the Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the purpose described in Subsection 62A-15-1101(10);
(2) the public education suicide prevention coordinator specialist at the State Board of Education
174 -- State Administrative Office be funded with money from the Education Fund; and
175 (3) $25,000 $45,000 provided by this Item 3 be used to fund the grant awards
175a described in
176 Section 53A-15-1303.