

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

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**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 ~~H~~→ [2017] 2018 ←~~H~~ :

▶ 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); ~~S~~→ [and] ←~~S~~



- 26           • from Education Fund, ~~§→ [\$225,000]~~ \$145,000[-] ; and  
 26a to Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention -- Office of the Medical Examiner:  
 26b           From General Fund, as an ongoing appropriation, \$15,000  
 26c           From General Fund, as a one-time appropriation, \$95,000. ←§

27 **Other Special Clauses:**

28           None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31           **62A-15-1101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 144, 164, and 168

32 ENACTS:

33           **26-4-28.5**, Utah Code Annotated 195334           **53A-15-1303**, Utah Code Annotated 195335 

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36 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*37           Section 1. Section **26-4-28.5** is enacted to read:38           **26-4-28.5. Psychological autopsy examiner.**39           (1) With funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the department shall  
 40 provide compensation, at a standard rate determined by the department, to a psychological  
 41 autopsy examiner.42           (2) The psychological autopsy examiner shall:43           (a) work with the medical examiner to compile data regarding suicide related deaths;44           (b) as relatives of the deceased are willing, gather information from relatives of the  
 45 deceased regarding the psychological reasons for the decedent's death;46           (c) maintain a database of information described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b);47           (d) in accordance with all applicable privacy laws subject to approval by department,  
 48 share the database described in Subsection (2)(c) with the University of Utah Department of  
 49 Psychiatry or other university-based departments conducting research on suicide;50           (e) coordinate no less than monthly with the suicide prevention coordinator described  
 51 in Subsection **62A-15-1101**(2); and52           (f) coordinate no less than quarterly with the state suicide prevention coalition.53           Section 2. Section **53A-15-1303** is enacted to read:54           **53A-15-1303. Grant awards for elementary programs.**55           (1) To foster peer-to-peer suicide prevention, resiliency, and anti-bullying programs in  
 56 elementary schools, the public education suicide prevention coordinator, described in Section

150 Schedule of Programs:

151 Office of the Medical Examiner \$85,000

152 The Legislature intends that the amount provided by this Item 1 be used to fund the

153 appointment of a psychological autopsy examiner, as described in Section [26-4-28.5](#).

154 ITEM 2

155 To Department of Human Services -- Division of ~~Substance~~ **Substance** Abuse and

155a Mental Health

156 From General Fund \$100,000

157 Schedule of Programs:

158 Community Mental Health Services \$100,000

159 The Legislature intends that the amount provided by this item be used to fund the grant

160 awards described in Subsection [62A-15-1101\(10\)](#).

161 ITEM 3

162 To State Board of Education -- State Administrative Office

163 From General Fund (\$100,000)

164 From Education Fund ~~\$225,000~~ \$145,000

165 Schedule of Programs:

166 ~~Teaching and Learning~~ **Student Advocacy Services**

166a ~~\$125,000~~ \$45,000

167 **ITEM 4**

167a To Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention

167b From General Fund \$15,000

167c From General Fund, One-Time \$95,000

167d Schedule of Programs:

167e Office of the Medical Examiner \$110,000

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167g The Legislature intends that:

168 (1) General Fund money provided to the State Board of Education -- State

169 Administrative Office in the 2013 General Session, H.B. 154, for a public education suicide

170 prevention coordinator as designated in Subsection [53A-15-1301\(3\)](#) be redirected to the

171 Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the

172 purpose described in Subsection [62A-15-1101\(10\)](#);

173 (2) the public education suicide prevention ~~coordinator~~ **specialist** at the State

173a 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](#).