

1 SUICIDE PREVENTION MODIFICATIONS

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3 STATE OF UTAH

4 Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill creates a Suicide Prevention Education Program to be administered by the
10 Bureau of Criminal Identification.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ creates a Suicide Prevention Education Program to be created by the state suicide
14 prevention coordinator and the Bureau of Criminal Identification;
- 15 ▶ allows the program to provide grants to federal firearms licensees to educate their
16 employees regarding suicide prevention; and
- 17 ▶ makes technical corrections.

18 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

19 This bill appropriates:

- 20 ▶ to the Department of Public Safety - Bureau of Criminal Identification, as an
21 ongoing appropriation:
- 22 • from the General Fund, \$9,800, to the Firearm Safety Account; and
 - 23 • from the Firearm Safety Account, \$9,800, to the Bureau of Criminal
24 Identification.

25 Other Special Clauses:

26 None

27 Utah Code Sections Affected:

28 AMENDS:

29 [53-10-202](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 144

30 **53-10-202.1**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 226

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

32 ENACTS:

33 **53-10-202.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section **53-10-202** is amended to read:

37 **53-10-202. Criminal identification -- Duties of bureau.**

38 The bureau shall:

39 (1) procure and file information relating to identification and activities of persons who:

40 (a) are fugitives from justice;

41 (b) are wanted or missing;

42 (c) have been arrested for or convicted of a crime under the laws of any state or nation;

43 and

44 (d) are believed to be involved in racketeering, organized crime, or a dangerous

45 offense;

46 (2) establish a statewide uniform crime reporting system that shall include:

47 (a) statistics concerning general categories of criminal activities;

48 (b) statistics concerning crimes that exhibit evidence of prejudice based on race,

49 religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnicity, or other categories that the division finds

50 appropriate; and

51 (c) other statistics as required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

52 (3) make a complete and systematic record and index of the information obtained

53 under this part;

54 (4) subject to the restrictions in this part, establish policy concerning the use and

55 dissemination of data obtained under this part;

56 (5) publish an annual report concerning the extent, fluctuation, distribution, and nature

57 of crime in Utah;

58 (6) establish a statewide central register for the identification and location of missing
59 persons, which may include:

60 (a) identifying data including fingerprints of each missing person;

61 (b) identifying data of any missing person who is reported as missing to a law
62 enforcement agency having jurisdiction;

63 (c) dates and circumstances of any persons requesting or receiving information from
64 the register; and

65 (d) any other information, including blood types and photographs found necessary in
66 furthering the purposes of this part;

67 (7) publish a quarterly directory of missing persons for distribution to persons or
68 entities likely to be instrumental in the identification and location of missing persons;

69 (8) list the name of every missing person with the appropriate nationally maintained
70 missing persons lists;

71 (9) establish and operate a 24-hour communication network for reports of missing
72 persons and reports of sightings of missing persons;

73 (10) coordinate with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other
74 agencies to facilitate the identification and location of missing persons and the identification of
75 unidentified persons and bodies;

76 (11) receive information regarding missing persons, as provided in Sections [26-2-27](#)
77 and [53A-11-502](#), and stolen vehicles, vessels, and outboard motors, as provided in Section
78 [41-1a-1401](#);

79 (12) adopt systems of identification, including the fingerprint system, to be used by the
80 division to facilitate law enforcement;

81 (13) assign a distinguishing number or mark of identification to any pistol or revolver,
82 as provided in Section [76-10-520](#);

83 (14) check certain criminal records databases for information regarding motor vehicle
84 salesperson applicants, maintain a separate file of fingerprints for motor vehicle salespersons,
85 and inform the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division when new entries are made for certain

86 criminal offenses for motor vehicle salespersons in accordance with the requirements of
87 Section 41-3-205.5;

88 (15) check certain criminal records databases for information regarding driving
89 privilege card applicants or cardholders and maintain a separate file of fingerprints for driving
90 privilege applicants and cardholders and inform the federal Immigration and Customs
91 Enforcement Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security when new entries
92 are made in accordance with the requirements of Section 53-3-205.5.

93 (16) review and approve or disapprove applications for license renewal that meet the
94 requirements for renewal;

95 (17) forward to the board those applications for renewal under Subsection (16) that do
96 not meet the requirements for renewal; and

97 (18) within funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, implement and
98 manage the operation of [a] firearm safety [program] and suicide prevention education
99 programs, in conjunction with the state suicide prevention coordinator, as described in this
100 section and Section 62A-15-1101, including:

101 (a) coordinating with the Department of Health, local mental health and substance
102 abuse authorities, [~~the public education suicide prevention coordinator~~] a nonprofit behavioral
103 health advocacy group, and a representative from a Utah-based nonprofit organization with
104 expertise in the field of firearm use and safety that represents firearm owners, to:

105 (i) produce a firearm safety brochure with information about the safe handling and use
106 of firearms that includes:

107 (A) rules for safe handling, storage, and use of firearms in a home environment;

108 (B) information about at-risk individuals and individuals who are legally prohibited
109 from possessing firearms;

110 (C) information about suicide prevention and awareness; and

111 (D) information about the availability of firearm safety packets;

112 (ii) procure cable-style gun locks for distribution pursuant to this section; [~~and~~]

113 (iii) produce a firearm safety packet that includes both the firearm safety brochure

114 described in Subsection (18)(a)(i) and the cable-style gun lock described in Subsection
115 (18)(a)(ii); and
116 (iv) create a suicide prevention education course that:
117 (A) provides information that includes posters for display and pamphlets or brochures
118 for distribution regarding firearm safety education;
119 (B) incorporates current information on how to recognize suicidal behaviors and
120 identify persons who may be suicidal;
121 (C) provides information regarding crisis intervention resources; and
122 (D) provides continuing education in the area of suicide prevention;
123 (b) distributing, free of charge, the firearm safety packet to the following persons, who
124 shall make the firearm safety packet available free of charge:
125 (i) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
126 (ii) mental health practitioners;
127 (iii) other public health suicide prevention organizations;
128 (iv) entities that teach firearm safety courses; and
129 (v) school districts for use in the seminar, described in Section 53A-15-1302, for
130 parents of students in the school district;
131 (c) creating and administering a redeemable coupon program described in this section
132 and Section 76-10-526, that may include:
133 (i) producing a redeemable coupon that offers between \$10 and \$200 off the purchase
134 of a gun safe from a participating federally licensed firearms dealer, as defined in Section
135 76-10-501, by a Utah resident who has filed an application for a concealed firearm permit;
136 (ii) advertising the redeemable coupon program to all federally licensed firearms
137 dealers and maintaining a list of dealers who wish to participate in the program;
138 (iii) printing or writing the name of a Utah resident who has filed an application for a
139 concealed firearm permit on the redeemable coupon;
140 (iv) mailing the redeemable coupon and the firearm safety brochure to Utah residents
141 who have filed an application for a concealed firearm permit; and

142 (v) collecting from the participating dealers receipts described in Section [76-10-526](#)
143 and reimbursing the dealers;

144 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
145 making rules that establish procedures for:

146 (i) producing and distributing the firearm safety brochures and packets;

147 (ii) procuring the cable-style gun locks for distribution; and

148 (iii) administering the redeemable coupon program; and

149 (e) reporting to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

150 regarding implementation and success of the firearm safety program:

151 (i) during the 2016 interim, before November 1; and

152 (ii) during the 2018 interim, before June 1.

153 Section 2. Section **53-10-202.1** is amended to read:

154 **53-10-202.1. Firearm Safety Account.**

155 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the
156 "Firearm Safety Account."

157 (2) The account shall be funded by appropriations from the Legislature.

158 (3) Funds in the account may only be used for the [~~Firearm Safety Program~~] programs
159 established in Subsection [53-10-202\(18\)](#).

160 Section 3. Section **53-10-202.3** is enacted to read:

161 **53-10-202.3. Suicide Prevention Education Program -- Definitions -- Grant**
162 **requirements.**

163 (1) As used in this section:

164 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section [53-10-201](#)
165 within the Department of Public Safety.

166 (b) "Coordinator" means the state suicide prevention coordinator designated in Section
167 [62A-15-1101](#).

168 (c) "Course" means the suicide prevention education course created in Subsection
169 [53-10-202\(18\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#).

170 (2) There is created a Suicide Prevention Education Program to fund suicide
171 prevention education opportunities for federally licensed firearms dealers who operate a retail
172 establishment open to the public and the dealers' employees.

173 (3) The bureau shall provide a grant to an employer in Subsection (2) following the
174 criteria provided in accordance with Subsection [62A-15-1101\(8\)\(b\)](#).

175 (4) An employer may apply for a grant of up to \$2,500 under the program.

176 Section 4. Section **62A-15-1101** is amended to read:

177 **62A-15-1101. Suicide prevention -- Reporting requirements.**

178 (1) As used in the section:

179 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section [53-10-201](#)
180 within the Department of Public Safety.

181 (b) "Division" means the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

182 (c) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a person from attempting suicide.

183 (d) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to
184 prevent or contain contagion.

185 (e) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual designated by the
186 division as described in Subsections (2) and (3).

187 (2) The division shall appoint a state suicide prevention coordinator to administer a
188 state suicide prevention program composed of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention
189 programs, services, and efforts.

190 (3) The state suicide prevention program may include the following components:

191 (a) delivery of resources, tools, and training to community-based coalitions;

192 (b) evidence-based suicide risk assessment tools and training;

193 (c) town hall meetings for building community-based suicide prevention strategies;

194 (d) suicide prevention gatekeeper training;

195 (e) training to identify warning signs and to manage an at-risk individual's crisis;

196 (f) evidence-based intervention training;

197 (g) intervention skills training; and

- 198 (h) postvention training.
- 199 (4) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall coordinate with the following to
200 gather statistics, among other duties:
- 201 (a) local mental health and substance abuse authorities;
 - 202 (b) the State Board of Education, including the public education suicide prevention
203 coordinator described in Section [53A-15-1301](#);
 - 204 (c) the Department of Health;
 - 205 (d) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
 - 206 (e) federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - 207 (f) other unbiased sources; and
 - 208 (g) other public health suicide prevention efforts.
- 209 (5) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall provide a written report to the Health
210 and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October meeting every year, on:
- 211 (a) implementation of the state suicide prevention program, as described in Subsections
212 (2) and (3);
 - 213 (b) data measuring the effectiveness of each component of the state suicide prevention
214 program;
 - 215 (c) funds appropriated for each component of the state suicide prevention program; and
 - 216 (d) five-year trends of suicides in Utah, including subgroups of youths and adults and
217 other subgroups identified by the state suicide prevention coordinator.
- 218 (6) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall report to the Legislature's:
- 219 (a) Education Interim Committee, by the October 2015 meeting, jointly with the State
220 Board of Education, on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and efforts with the
221 State Board of Education and the public education suicide prevention coordinator as described
222 in Section [53A-15-1301](#); and
 - 223 (b) Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October 2017 meeting,
224 statistics on the number of annual suicides in Utah, including how many suicides were
225 committed with a gun, and if so:

226 (i) where the victim procured the gun and if the gun was legally possessed by the
227 victim;

228 (ii) if the victim purchased the gun legally and whether a background check was
229 performed before the victim purchased the gun;

230 (iii) whether the victim had a history of mental illness or was under the treatment of a
231 mental health professional;

232 (iv) whether any medication or illegal drugs or alcohol were also involved in the
233 suicide; and

234 (v) if the suicide incident also involved the injury or death of another individual,
235 whether the shooter had a history of domestic violence.

236 (7) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall consult with the bureau to implement
237 and manage the operation of a firearm safety program, as described in Subsection
238 53-10-202(18) [and], Section 53-10-202.1, and the Suicide Prevention Education Program
239 described in Section 53-10-202.3.

240 (8) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
241 division shall make rules:

242 (a) governing the implementation of the state suicide prevention program, consistent
243 with this section[-]; and

244 (b) in conjunction with the bureau, defining the criteria for employers to apply for
245 grants under the Suicide Prevention Education Program in Section 53-10-202.3, which shall
246 include:

247 (i) attendance at a suicide prevention education course; and

248 (ii) display of posters and distribution of the firearm safety brochures or packets
249 created in Subsection 53-10-202(18)(a)(iii), but does not require the distribution of a
250 cable-style gun lock with a firearm if the firearm already has a trigger lock or comparable
251 safety mechanism.

252 **Section 5. Appropriation.**

253 (1) Restricted Fund and Account Transfers. The Legislature authorizes the State

