

**SUICIDE PREVENTION MODIFICATIONS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

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

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Department of Public Safety - Bureau of Criminal Identification, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, \$9,800, for the Suicide Prevention Education Program.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-10-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 144



28 **62A-15-1101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 144, 164, and 168

29 ENACTS:

30 **53-10-202.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

34 **53-10-202. Criminal identification -- Duties of bureau.**

35 The bureau shall:

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

37 (a) are fugitives from justice;

38 (b) are wanted or missing;

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

40 and

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

42 offense;

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

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

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

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

47 appropriate; and

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

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

50 under this part;

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

52 dissemination of data obtained under this part;

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

54 of crime in Utah;

55 (6) establish a statewide central register for the identification and location of missing

56 persons, which may include:

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

58 (b) identifying data of any missing person who is reported as missing to a law

59 enforcement agency having jurisdiction;

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

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

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

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

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

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

73 (11) receive information regarding missing persons, as provided in Sections 26-2-27  
74 and 53A-11-502, and stolen vehicles, vessels, and outboard motors, as provided in Section  
75 41-1a-1401;

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

78 (13) assign a distinguishing number or mark of identification to any pistol or revolver,  
79 as provided in Section 76-10-520;

80 (14) check certain criminal records databases for information regarding motor vehicle  
81 salesperson applicants, maintain a separate file of fingerprints for motor vehicle salespersons,  
82 and inform the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division when new entries are made for certain  
83 criminal offenses for motor vehicle salespersons in accordance with the requirements of  
84 Section 41-3-205.5;

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

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

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

94 (18) within funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, implement and  
95 manage the operation of a firearm safety program, in conjunction with the state suicide  
96 prevention coordinator, as described in this section and Section 62A-15-1101, including:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

109 (iii) produce a firearm safety packet that includes both the firearm safety brochure  
110 described in Subsection (18)(a)(i) and the cable-style gun lock described in Subsection  
111 (18)(a)(ii); and

112 (iv) create a suicide prevention education course that:

113 (A) provides information that includes posters for display and pamphlets or brochures  
114 for distribution regarding firearm safety education;

115 (B) incorporates current information on how to recognize suicidal behaviors and  
116 identify persons who may be suicidal;

117 (C) provides information regarding crisis intervention resources; and

118 (D) provides continuing education in the area of suicide prevention;

119 (b) distributing, free of charge, the firearm safety packet to the following persons, who  
120 shall make the firearm safety packet available free of charge:

- 121 (i) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
- 122 (ii) mental health practitioners;
- 123 (iii) other public health suicide prevention organizations;
- 124 (iv) entities that teach firearm safety courses; and
- 125 (v) school districts for use in the seminar, described in Section 53A-15-1302, for
- 126 parents of students in the school district;

127 (c) creating and administering a redeemable coupon program described in this section  
128 and Section 76-10-526, that may include:

129 (i) producing a redeemable coupon that offers between \$10 and \$200 off the purchase  
130 of a gun safe from a participating federally licensed firearms dealer, as defined in Section  
131 76-10-501, by a Utah resident who has filed an application for a concealed firearm permit;

132 (ii) advertising the redeemable coupon program to all federally licensed firearms  
133 dealers and maintaining a list of dealers who wish to participate in the program;

134 (iii) printing or writing the name of a Utah resident who has filed an application for a  
135 concealed firearm permit on the redeemable coupon;

136 (iv) mailing the redeemable coupon and the firearm safety brochure to Utah residents  
137 who have filed an application for a concealed firearm permit; and

138 (v) collecting from the participating dealers receipts described in Section 76-10-526  
139 and reimbursing the dealers;

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

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

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

144 (iii) administering the redeemable coupon program; and

145 (e) reporting to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee  
146 regarding implementation and success of the firearm safety program:

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

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

149 Section 2. Section 53-10-202.3 is enacted to read:

150 **53-10-202.3. Suicide Prevention Education Program -- Definitions -- Grant**  
151 **requirements.**

152 (1) As used in this section:

153 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201  
154 within the Department of Public Safety.

155 (b) "Coordinator" means the state suicide prevention coordinator designated in Section  
156 62A-15-1101.

157 (c) "Course" means the suicide prevention education course created in Subsection  
158 53-10-202(18)(a)(iv).

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

162 (3) The bureau shall provide a grant to an employer in Subsection (2) following the  
163 criteria provided in accordance with Subsection 62A-15-1101(8)(b).

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

165 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1101** is amended to read:

166 **62A-15-1101. Suicide prevention -- Reporting requirements.**

167 (1) As used in the section:

168 (a) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201  
169 within the Department of Public Safety.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 183 (d) suicide prevention gatekeeper training;
- 184 (e) training to identify warning signs and to manage an at-risk individual's crisis;
- 185 (f) evidence-based intervention training;
- 186 (g) intervention skills training; and
- 187 (h) postvention training.
- 188 (4) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall coordinate with the following to
- 189 gather statistics, among other duties:
  - 190 (a) local mental health and substance abuse authorities;
  - 191 (b) the State Board of Education, including the public education suicide prevention
  - 192 coordinator described in Section [53A-15-1301](#);
  - 193 (c) the Department of Health;
  - 194 (d) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
  - 195 (e) federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
  - 196 (f) other unbiased sources; and
  - 197 (g) other public health suicide prevention efforts.
- 198 (5) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall provide a written report to the Health
- 199 and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October meeting every year, on:
  - 200 (a) implementation of the state suicide prevention program, as described in Subsections
  - 201 (2) and (3);
  - 202 (b) data measuring the effectiveness of each component of the state suicide prevention
  - 203 program;
  - 204 (c) funds appropriated for each component of the state suicide prevention program; and
  - 205 (d) five-year trends of suicides in Utah, including subgroups of youths and adults and
  - 206 other subgroups identified by the state suicide prevention coordinator.
  - 207 (6) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall report to the Legislature's:
    - 208 (a) Education Interim Committee, by the October 2015 meeting, jointly with the State
    - 209 Board of Education, on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and efforts with the
    - 210 State Board of Education and the public education suicide prevention coordinator as described
    - 211 in Section [53A-15-1301](#); and
    - 212 (b) Health and Human Services Interim Committee, by the October 2017 meeting,
    - 213 statistics on the number of annual suicides in Utah, including how many suicides were

214 committed with a gun, and if so:

215 (i) where the victim procured the gun and if the gun was legally possessed by the  
216 victim;

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

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

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

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

225 (7) The state suicide prevention coordinator shall consult with the bureau to implement  
226 and manage the operation of a firearm safety program, as described in Subsection  
227 53-10-202(18) [and], Section 53-10-202.1, and the Suicide Prevention Education Program  
228 described in Section 53-10-202.3.

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

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

233 (b) in conjunction with the Bureau of Criminal Identification, defining the criteria for  
234 employers to apply for grants under the Suicide Prevention Education Program in Section  
235 53-10-202.3, which shall include:

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

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

241 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

242 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
243 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
244 fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures



245 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
246 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.  
247 To Bureau of Criminal Identification - Department of Public Safety  
248 From General Fund \$9,800  
249 Schedule of Programs:  
250 Suicide Prevention Education Program \$9,800

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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