

Representative Cheryl K. Acton proposes the following substitute bill:

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs;
- ▶ divides elements of the youth suicide prevention programs between elementary grades and secondary grades;
- ▶ requires communication between the school district or charter school and certain parents or guardians;
- ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to ensure coordination between youth suicide prevention programs and certain other prevention programs;
- ▶ repeals a separate program to consolidate funding and effort into one comprehensive suicide prevention program;
- ▶ enacts a repeal date that requires committee review; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **53G-9-702**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 293, 324, and 447

31 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 154, 174, 214, 234, 242,
32 269, 335, and 354

33 REPEALS:

34 **53F-5-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414 and renumbered and
35 amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2



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

38 Section 1. Section **53G-9-702** is amended to read:

39 **53G-9-702. Youth suicide prevention programs -- State board to develop model**
40 **programs.**

41 (1) As used in the section:

42 (a) "Elementary grades" means:

43 (i) kindergarten through grade 5; and

44 (ii) if the associated middle or junior high school does not include grade 6, grade 6.

45 [~~a~~] (b) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.

46 [~~b~~] (c) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or
47 death to prevent or contain contagion.

48 [~~c~~] (d) "Program" means a youth suicide prevention program described in Subsection
49 (2).

50 [~~d~~] (e) "Public education suicide prevention coordinator" means an individual
51 designated by the state board as described in Subsection [~~3~~] (4).

52 [~~e~~] (f) "Secondary grades" means:

53 (i) [~~means~~] grades 7 through 12; and

54 (ii) if a middle or junior high school includes grade 6, [~~includes~~] grade 6.

55 [~~f~~] (g) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention
56 coordinator described in Section **62A-15-1101**.

57 (2) In collaboration with the public education suicide prevention coordinator, a school
 58 district or charter school~~[-in the secondary grades of the school district or charter school,]~~ shall
 59 implement a youth suicide prevention program, which, in collaboration with the training,
 60 programs, and initiatives described in Section [53G-9-607](#), shall include programs and training
 61 to address:

62 ~~[(a) bullying and cyberbullying, as those terms are defined in Section [53G-9-601](#);~~

63 (a) for elementary grades and secondary grades:

64 (i) life-affirming education, including on the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits,
 65 self-care, problem solving, and conflict resolution;

66 (ii) methods of strengthening the family; and

67 (iii) methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community; and

68 (b) for secondary grades only:

69 ~~[(b)]~~ (i) prevention of youth suicide;

70 ~~[(c) increased]~~ (ii) decreasing the risk of suicide among youth who are:

71 (A) not accepted by family for any reason, including lesbian, gay, bisexual,
 72 transgender, or questioning youth; or

73 (B) suffer from bullying;

74 ~~[(d)]~~ (iii) youth suicide intervention; and

75 ~~[(e)]~~ (iv) postvention for family, students, and faculty[;].

76 ~~[(f) underage drinking of alcohol;]~~

77 ~~[(g) methods of strengthening the family; and]~~

78 ~~[(h) methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community.]~~

79 (3) Each school district and charter school shall ensure that the youth suicide
 80 prevention program described in Subsection (2):

81 (a) considers appropriate coordination with the following prevention programs:

82 (i) the prevention of bullying and cyber-bullying, as those terms are defined in Section
 83 [53G-9-601](#); and

84 (ii) the prevention of underage drinking of alcohol and substance abuse under Section
 85 [53G-10-406](#); and

86 (b) includes provisions to ensure that the school district or charter school promptly
 87 communicates with the parent or guardian of a student whom the school district or charter

88 school identifies as at-risk for suicide or suicidal ideation.

89 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The state board shall:

90 (a) designate a public education suicide prevention coordinator; and

91 (b) in collaboration with the Department of ~~[Heath]~~ Health and the state suicide
92 prevention coordinator, develop model programs to provide to school districts and charter
93 schools:

94 (i) program training; and

95 (ii) resources regarding the required components described in ~~[Subsection (2)(b)]~~

96 Subsections (2)(a) and (b).

97 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The public education suicide prevention coordinator shall:

98 (a) oversee the youth suicide prevention programs of school districts and charter
99 schools;

100 (b) coordinate prevention and postvention programs, services, and efforts with the state
101 suicide prevention coordinator; and

102 (c) award grants in accordance with Section [53F-5-206](#).

103 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A public school suicide prevention program may allow school personnel to
104 ask a student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention.

105 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the state board may distribute money
106 to a school district or charter school to be used to implement evidence-based practices and
107 programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide in the school district
108 or charter school.

109 (b) The state board shall distribute money under Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(a) so that each
110 school ~~[that enrolls students in grade 7 or a higher grade]~~ receives an allocation of at least
111 \$1,000.

112 (c) (i) A school shall use money allocated to the school under Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(b) to
113 implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs,
114 for preventing suicide.

115 (ii) Each school may select the evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging
116 best practices and programs, for preventing suicide that the school implements.

117 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

118 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**

- 119 (1) Section 53-2a-105, which creates the Emergency Management Administration
120 Council, is repealed July 1, 2021.
- 121 (2) Sections 53-2a-1103 and 53-2a-1104, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory
122 Board, are repealed July 1, 2022.
- 123 (3) Section 53-5-703, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed
124 July 1, 2023.
- 125 (4) Subsection 53-6-203(1)(b)(ii), regarding being 19 years old at certification, is
126 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 127 (5) Subsection 53-13-104(6)(a), regarding being 19 years old at certification, is
128 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 129 (6) Section 53B-6-105.5, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is
130 repealed July 1, 2024.
- 131 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 132 (8) Section 53B-17-1203, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is
133 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 134 (9) Section 53B-18-1501 is repealed July 1, 2021.
- 135 (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 136 (11) Title 53B, Chapter 24, Part 4, Rural Residency Training Program, is repealed July
137 1, 2025.
- 138 (12) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money
139 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
140 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 141 (13) Section 53E-3-515 is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 142 (14) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2023:
- 143 (a) in Subsection 53E-4-202(8), the language "by a standards review committee and the
144 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section 53E-4-203" is
145 repealed; and
- 146 (b) Section 53E-4-203 is repealed.
- 147 (15) Subsections 53E-3-503(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in
148 custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.
- 149 (16) Section 53E-4-402, which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is

150 repealed July 1, 2022.

151 (17) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is
152 repealed July 1, 2023.

153 (18) Subsection [53E-8-204\(4\)](#), which creates the advisory council for the Utah Schools
154 for the Deaf and the Blind, is repealed July 1, 2021.

155 (19) Section [53F-2-514](#) is repealed July 1, 2020.

156 (20) Section [53F-5-203](#) is repealed July 1, 2024.

157 (21) Section [53F-5-212](#) is repealed July 1, 2024.

158 (22) Section [53F-5-213](#) is repealed July 1, 2023.

159 (23) Section [53F-5-214](#), in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July
160 1, 2025.

161 (24) Section [53F-5-215](#), in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant is
162 repealed July 1, 2025.

163 (25) Subsection [53F-9-203\(7\)](#), which creates the Charter School Revolving Account
164 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

165 (26) Section [53F-9-501](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.

166 (27) Subsections [53G-4-608\(2\)\(b\)](#) and [\(4\)\(b\)](#), related to the Utah Seismic Safety
167 Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.

168 (28) Subsection [53G-8-211\(5\)](#), regarding referrals of a minor to court for a class C
169 misdemeanor, is repealed July 1, 2022.

170 (29) Section [53G-9-302](#), regarding youth suicide prevention programs, is repealed July
171 1, 2024.

172 Section 3. **Repealer.**

173 This bill repeals:

174 Section [53F-5-206](#), **Grant awards for elementary suicide prevention programs.**