

SUICIDE PREVENTION IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses suicide prevention in county jails.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Public Safety to administer the Suicide Deterrence Grant Program to provide suicide barriers in county jails.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

17-22-34, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **17-22-34** is enacted to read:

17-22-34. Suicide Deterrence Grant Program -- Rulemaking.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(b) "Grant" means a grant awarded under this section.

(c) "Program" means the Suicide Deterrence Grant Program created in this section.

30 (d) "Suicide barrier" means a barrier installed on an upper level of a building to prevent
31 an individual from falling.

32 (2) (a) There is created within the department the Suicide Deterrence Grant Program.

33 (b) The purpose of the program is to award grants to county jails for materials to
34 construct and install suicide barriers.

35 (3) (a) A county jail that submits a proposal for a grant to the department shall include
36 in the proposal:

37 (i) a statement describing the need for suicide barriers in the county jail;

38 (ii) the amount and type of material to be used in constructing the suicide barriers;

39 (iii) a plan for installation of the suicide barriers;

40 (iv) any funding sources in addition to the grant for the proposal;

41 (v) any existing or planned partnerships between the county jail and another entity to
42 implement the proposal; and

43 (vi) other information the department determines necessary to evaluate the proposal.

44 (b) When evaluating a proposal for a grant, the department shall consider:

45 (i) the likelihood the proposal will accomplish the purpose described in Subsection (2);

46 (ii) the cost of the proposal;

47 (iii) the extent to which additional funding sources or existing or planned partnerships
48 may benefit the proposal; and

49 (iv) the viability and sustainability of the proposal.

50 (4) Subject to Subsection (3), the department may, in accordance with Title 63G,
51 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules to establish:

52 (a) eligibility criteria for a grant;

53 (b) the form and process for submitting a proposal to the department for a grant;

54 (c) the method and formula for determining a grant amount; and

55 (d) reporting requirements for a grant recipient.