

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.



- 28 (b) "Grant" means a grant awarded under this section.
- 29 (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.