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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A WEBSITE WITH**
103 **INFORMATION AND INTERNET LINKS TO AVAILABLE BEHAVIORAL**
104 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND**
105 **ENCOURAGING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE A**
106 **COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO SATISFY**
107 **CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

No later than July 1, 2020, the department of human services (department), with assistance from other departments and organizations, shall create and maintain a website that provides internet links to relevant information and resources available to individuals seeking behavioral health care services. The website must include information about the Colorado SEE ME campaign and the national suicide prevention hotline, demographic-specific information about behavioral health care providers available in each geographic region, internet links to each behavioral health care provider's website, and internet links to skilled nursing facilities available in each geographic region.

No later than April 1, 2021, the department shall issue a request for proposal to contract with an organization to develop and distribute community- and demographic-specific targeted messaging related to the website. The messaging must be distributed no later than January 1, 2022.

The bill allows a health care professional who is required to complete continuing competency requirements to take a course in mental health education to satisfy the continuing competency requirements.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 71 to title
3 27 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 71**

5 **Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention Resources**

6 **27-71-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 71, UNLESS THE
7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (1) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
9 IN SECTION 27-60-100.3 (1).

10 (2) "STATE DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
11 HUMAN SERVICES CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-1-105.

12 **27-71-102. Mental health education and suicide prevention**
13 **resources - website created.** (1) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2020, THE
14 STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

1 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION
2 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-111, AND A STATEWIDE
3 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL
4 HEALTH PROVIDERS, SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A WEBSITE THAT
5 PROVIDES INTERNET LINKS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES
6 AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE
7 SERVICES.

8 (2) THE WEBSITE CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
9 SECTION MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE BEHAVIORAL
10 HEALTH CARE RESOURCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

11 (a) INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO SEE ME CAMPAIGN,
12 WHICH ADDRESSES THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH SEEKING BEHAVIORAL
13 HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SUPPORT;

14 (b) INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION
15 LIFELINE;

16 (c) DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT BEHAVIORAL
17 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AVAILABLE IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION,
18 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

19 (I) CATEGORIES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SPECIALTIES
20 AVAILABLE; AND

21 (II) THE PAYOR TYPE ACCEPTED BY EACH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
22 CARE PROVIDER;

23 (d) INTERNET LINKS TO EACH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE
24 PROVIDER'S WEBSITE; AND

25 (e) INTERNET LINKS TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AVAILABLE
26 IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION.

27 (3) ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL MAY

1 REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE WEBSITE CREATED PURSUANT TO
2 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. IN DOING SO, THE ORGANIZATION OR
3 INDIVIDUAL MUST PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH AN INTERNET
4 LINK TO THE ORGANIZATION'S OR INDIVIDUAL'S WEBSITE, ALONG WITH ANY
5 RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL,
6 INCLUDING A LIST OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES THE
7 ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL OFFERS.

8 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
9 ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO
10 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

11 **27-71-103. Request for proposal - community-specific targeted**
12 **messaging.** (1) NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2021, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
13 SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT WITH AN
14 ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE COMMUNITY- AND
15 DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC TARGETED MESSAGING RELATED TO THE WEBSITE
16 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-71-102.

17 (2) THE MESSAGING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
18 SECTION MUST BE DISTRIBUTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2022.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-30-115 as
20 follows:

21 **12-30-115. Demonstrated competency - health care**
22 **professionals.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS
23 TITLE 12, IF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A
24 CONTINUING COMPETENCY OR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AS
25 A CONDITION OF RENEWING, REACTIVATING, OR REINSTATING THE HEALTH
26 CARE PROFESSIONAL'S LICENSE, THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MAY
27 TAKE A COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO SATISFY THE

1 CONTINUING COMPETENCY OR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

2 (2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MENTAL HEALTH
3 EDUCATION" INCLUDES ANY COURSE THAT TEACHES THE SIGNS AND
4 SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE OR CRISIS, WHAT TO DO IN
5 A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND WHERE TO GET HELP.

6 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.