

CHAPTER 173

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AS COORDINATOR FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-101, **amend** (1) (w) (III); and **add** (1) (w) (IV) as follows:

25-1.5-101. Powers and duties of department - laboratory cash fund. (1) The department has, in addition to all other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the powers and duties provided in this section as follows:

(w) (III) (A) As part of its duties as coordinator for suicide prevention programs, ~~on or before November 1, 2000, and on or before each November 1, thereafter,~~ the department shall submit to the chairs of the ~~health, environment, welfare, and institutions committees of the~~ senate HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE and the house of representatives HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, and to the members of the joint budget committee a report listing all suicide prevention programs in the state and describing the effectiveness of the department acting as the coordinator for suicide prevention programs. FOR THE REPORT SUBMITTED IN 2013 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ANY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT HAS TO IMPROVE SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE STATE.

(B) ~~On or before January 15, 2004, the chairs of the health, environment, welfare, and institutions committees shall decide whether to recommend that the reports required by sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (III) be discontinued.~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(IV) IN ITS ROLE AS COORDINATOR FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH EACH FACILITY LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 IN ORDER TO COORDINATE SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES. WHEN A FACILITY TREATS A PERSON WHO HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OR EXHIBITS A SUICIDAL GESTURE, THE FACILITY MAY PROVIDE ORAL AND WRITTEN INFORMATION OR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO THE PERSON OR, IN THE CASE OF A MINOR, TO PARENTS, RELATIVES, OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS TO WHOM THE MINOR WILL BE RELEASED, PRIOR TO THE PERSON'S RELEASE, REGARDING WARNING SIGNS OF DEPRESSION, RISK FACTORS OF SUICIDE, METHODS OF PREVENTING SUICIDE, AVAILABLE SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WORK WITH FACILITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND WHERE GAPS EXIST IN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING GAPS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN:

(A) THE INFORMATION AND MATERIALS BEING USED AND DISTRIBUTED IN FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

(B) RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO ATTEMPT SUICIDE OR EXHIBIT A SUICIDAL GESTURE AND, WHEN THE PERSON IS A MINOR, TO PARENTS, RELATIVES, AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS TO WHOM A MINOR IS RELEASED; AND

(C) THE PROCESS FOR REFERRING PERSONS WHO ATTEMPT SUICIDE OR EXHIBIT A SUICIDAL GESTURE TO SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR TREATMENT.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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