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House Committees

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Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN ONLINE DIRECTORY**
103 **WITH INFORMATION ██████ TO AVAILABLE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
104 **CARE SERVICES ██████ AND ENCOURAGING HEALTH CARE**
105 **PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE A COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH**
106 **EDUCATION TO SATISFY CONTINUING COMPETENCY**
107 **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 - directory created.** (1) (a) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1,
14 2021, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION
15 TO CREATE AN ONLINE RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING

1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN COLORADO, WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE
2 FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

3 (I) INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS
4 RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-103;

5 (II) THE REFERRAL RESOURCES USED BY THE CONTRACTOR OF THE
6 TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR TELEPHONE CRISIS SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT
7 TO SECTION 27-60-103;

8 (III) THE PUBLIC-FACING COMPONENT OF THE BEHAVIORAL
9 HEALTH CAPACITY TRACKING SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
10 27-60-104.5;

11 (IV) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS RUN
12 BY THE STATE OF COLORADO; AND

13 (V) ANY OTHER RESOURCES AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE
14 DEPARTMENT.

15 (b) FOR EACH PROVIDER ADDED TO THE DIRECTORY PURSUANT TO
16 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II), (1)(a)(III), OR (1)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, THE
17 FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED, WHEN POSSIBLE:

18 (I) THE PROVIDER'S NAME, WEBSITE ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE
19 NUMBER;

20 (II) THE TYPES OF TREATMENT OR SERVICES PROVIDED; AND

21 (III) LANGUAGES SERVED.

22 (2) THE ONLINE DIRECTORY SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH
23 ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

24 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
25 ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO
26 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE
27 DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC, TARGETED, AND DESTIGMATIZED DIGITAL

1 MESSAGING DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION
2 27-71-103, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION IS
3 PRESENTED IN A DIGITAL FORMAT. ■ ■

4 **27-71-103. Request for proposal - demographic-specific**
5 **targeted messaging.** (1) NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2021, THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT WITH
7 AN ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC,
8 TARGETED, AND DESTIGMATIZED DIGITAL MESSAGING RELATED TO THE
9 ONLINE DIRECTORY CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-71-102.

10 (2) THE CONTRACTING ORGANIZATION SHALL CONDUCT INITIAL
11 RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND AND IDENTIFY THE DEMOGRAPHICS WITH THE
12 HIGHEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS IN COLORADO.

13 (3) THE DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC, TARGETED, AND DESTIGMATIZED
14 DIGITAL MESSAGING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST
15 BE DISTRIBUTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2022.

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

18 **12-30-115. Demonstrated competency - health care**
19 **professionals.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS
20 TITLE 12, IF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A
21 CONTINUING COMPETENCY OR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT AS
22 A CONDITION OF RENEWING, REACTIVATING, OR REINSTATING THE HEALTH
23 CARE PROFESSIONAL'S LICENSE, THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MAY
24 TAKE A COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO SATISFY THE
25 CONTINUING COMPETENCY OR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

26 (2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MENTAL HEALTH
27 EDUCATION" INCLUDES ANY COURSE THAT TEACHES THE SIGNS AND

1 SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE OR CRISIS, WHAT TO DO IN
2 A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND WHERE TO GET HELP.

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