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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO HELP PREVENT YOUTH
102 SUICIDE.

Bill Summary

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The bill requires the office of suicide prevention (office) in the department of public health and environment (department) to work with appropriate entities to develop and implement a plan to provide access to training programs related to youth suicide prevention for people who regularly interact with youth but who are not in a profession that typically provides such training opportunities, such as camp counselors, recreation

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center employees, youth group leaders, clergy, and parents. The office is required to approve at least 3 nonprofit organizations statewide to participate in a coordinated program of youth suicide prevention training. Classes and programs offered by the approved nonprofit organizations must be free to the public, and the department shall reimburse the approved nonprofit organization for any direct or indirect costs associated with such classes and programs.

The bill further directs the department to coordinate efforts to create and implement a statewide awareness campaign about suicide and youth suicide prevention, as well as awareness of the suicide prevention hotline. The awareness campaign may include, but is not limited to, the use of written, electronic, radio, and television media.

The age of consent for a minor to seek and obtain outpatient psychotherapy services is lowered from 15 years of age or older to 12 years of age and older. The licensed mental health provider is immune from civil or criminal liability for providing outpatient psychotherapy services unless he or she acts negligently or outside the scope of his or her practice.

The bill clarifies that the age of consent for a minor seeking inpatient psychotherapy or other inpatient mental health services without the consent of a parent or legal guardian remains 15 years of age or older.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-112, **amend**
3 (1); and **add** (2)(d) as follows:

4 **25-1.5-112. Colorado suicide and youth suicide prevention**
5 **plan - established - goals - responsibilities - reporting - funding.**

6 (1) The Colorado suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention plan, referred
7 to in this section as the "Colorado plan", is created in the office of suicide
8 prevention within the department. The goal and purpose of the Colorado
9 plan is to reduce suicide rates and numbers in Colorado through
10 system-level implementation of the Colorado plan in criminal justice and
11 health care systems, including mental and behavioral health systems.

12 (2) The suicide prevention commission, together with the office
13 of suicide prevention, the office of behavioral health, the department, and

1 the department of health care policy and financing, is strongly encouraged
2 to collaborate with criminal justice and health care systems, mental and
3 behavioral health systems, primary care providers, physical and mental
4 health clinics in educational institutions, community mental health
5 centers, advocacy groups, emergency medical services professionals and
6 responders, public and private insurers, hospital chaplains, and
7 faith-based organizations, to develop and implement:

8 (d) (I) A PLAN TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO TRAINING PROGRAMS
9 RELATED TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY
10 INTERACT WITH YOUTH BUT WHO ARE NOT IN A PROFESSION THAT
11 TYPICALLY PROVIDES SUCH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS CAMP
12 COUNSELORS, RECREATION CENTER EMPLOYEES, YOUTH GROUP LEADERS,
13 CLERGY, AND PARENTS. THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SHALL
14 CONDUCT AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AMONG THE STATE'S NONPROFIT
15 COMMUNITY REGARDING THE NEED FOR YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION
16 PROGRAMS AND SHALL APPROVE AT LEAST THREE NONPROFIT
17 ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A STATEWIDE COORDINATED PROGRAM
18 OF YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.

19 (II) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND EVERY QUARTER
20 THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SHALL POST ON ITS
21 WEBSITE A LIST OF YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING CLASSES OR
22 PROGRAMS OFFERED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
23 STATE THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (III) AN APPROVED AND PARTICIPATING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
25 SHALL PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING CLASSES OR PROGRAMS AT NO CHARGE TO
26 THE PUBLIC, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO
27 THE APPROVED AND PARTICIPATING NONPROFIT FOR THE DIRECT AND

1 INDIRECT COSTS RELATED TO THE TRAINING CLASSES OR PROGRAMS.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-101, **amend**
3 (1)(w) as follows:

4 **25-1.5-101. Powers and duties of department - laboratory cash**
5 **fund - report.** (1) The department has, in addition to all other powers
6 and duties imposed upon it by law, the powers and duties provided in this
7 section as follows:

8 (w) (I) To act as the coordinator for suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE
9 prevention programs throughout the state, including the Colorado suicide
10 prevention plan established in section 25-1.5-112.

11 (II) The department is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and
12 donations to assist it in performing its duties as the coordinator for suicide
13 AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention programs. All such gifts, grants, and
14 donations shall be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall credit the
15 same to the suicide prevention coordination cash fund, which fund is
16 ~~hereby~~ created AND REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(w) AS THE
17 "FUND". The fund also consists of any money appropriated or transferred
18 to the fund by the general assembly for the purposes of implementing
19 section 25-1.5-112. Any ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the ~~suicide~~
20 ~~prevention coordination cash~~ fund at the end of any fiscal year ~~shall~~
21 ~~remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and ~~shall~~ MUST not be transferred or credited
22 to the general fund. The general assembly shall make appropriations from
23 the ~~suicide prevention coordination cash~~ fund for expenditures incurred
24 by the department in the performance of its duties under this ~~paragraph~~
25 ~~(w)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(w) and section 25-1.5-112.

26 (III) (A) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), as part of
27 its duties as coordinator for suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention

1 programs, on or before each November 1, the department shall submit to
2 the chairs of the senate health and human services committee, ~~and~~ the
3 house of representatives health, insurance, and environment committee,
4 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES COMMITTEE, or their successor committees, and to the members
6 of the joint budget committee, a report listing all suicide AND YOUTH
7 SUICIDE prevention programs in the state and describing the effectiveness
8 of the department acting as the coordinator for suicide AND YOUTH
9 SUICIDE prevention programs. For the report submitted in 2013 and each
10 year thereafter, the department shall include any findings and
11 recommendations it has to improve suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE
12 prevention in the state.

13 (B) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2012.)

14 (IV) In its role as coordinator for suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE
15 prevention programs, the department may collaborate with each facility
16 licensed or certified pursuant to section 25-1.5-103 in order to coordinate
17 suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention services, including relevant
18 training and other services as part of the Colorado suicide AND YOUTH
19 SUICIDE prevention plan established in section 25-1.5-112, INCLUDING
20 THE PLAN TO INCREASE ACCESS TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING
21 PROGRAMS, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-1.5-112 (2)(d). When a facility
22 treats a person who has attempted suicide or exhibits a suicidal gesture,
23 the facility may provide oral and written information or educational
24 materials to the person or, in the case of a minor, to parents, relatives, or
25 other responsible persons to whom the minor will be released, prior to the
26 person's release, regarding warning signs of depression, risk factors of
27 suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE, methods of preventing suicide AND YOUTH

1 SUICIDE, available suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention resources, and
2 any other information concerning suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE awareness
3 and prevention. The department may work with facilities and the
4 Colorado suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention plan to determine
5 whether and where gaps exist in suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention
6 programs and services, including gaps that may be present in:

7 (A) The information and materials being used and distributed in
8 facilities throughout the state;

9 (B) Resources available to persons, INCLUDING YOUTH, who
10 attempt suicide or exhibit a suicidal gesture and, when the person is a
11 minor, to parents, relatives, and other responsible persons to whom a
12 minor is released; and

13 (C) The process for referring persons, INCLUDING YOUTH, who
14 attempt suicide or exhibit a suicidal gesture to suicide AND YOUTH
15 SUICIDE prevention services and programs or other appropriate health care
16 providers for treatment.

17 (V) TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A
18 STATEWIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT SUICIDE AND YOUTH SUICIDE
19 PREVENTION, AS WELL AS AWARENESS OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
20 HOTLINE. THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED
21 TO, THE USE OF WRITTEN, ELECTRONIC, RADIO, AND TELEVISION MEDIA.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-111, **amend**
23 (1) introductory portion, (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(f), (1)(g), (1)(h),
24 (1)(i), (1)(j), and (2)(b) as follows:

25 **25-1.5-111. Suicide prevention commission - created -**
26 **responsibilities - gifts, grants, and donations - repeal.** (1) The suicide
27 prevention commission is hereby created for the purpose of:

1 (a) Providing public and private leadership for suicide AND YOUTH
2 SUICIDE prevention and intervention in Colorado;

3 (b) Setting statewide, data-driven, evidence-based, and clinically
4 informed suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention priorities in Colorado;

5 (d) Establishing and leading subgroups to set strategy and
6 implementation plans for each statewide suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE
7 prevention priority for the office of suicide prevention;

8 (e) Providing a forum for government agencies, community
9 members, business leaders, and lawmakers to examine the current status
10 of suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention and intervention policies,
11 analyze the system's near-term opportunities and challenges, and make
12 recommendations to the office of suicide prevention, the governor's
13 office, and the general assembly regarding improvements and innovations
14 in policies and programs to reduce the preventable occurrence of suicide
15 AND YOUTH SUICIDE in Colorado;

16 (f) Expanding local and national partnerships and resources for
17 statewide suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention activities;

18 (g) Promoting cooperation and coordination among suicide AND
19 YOUTH SUICIDE prevention programs and strategies across Colorado;

20 (h) Evaluating the distribution of state resources for suicide AND
21 YOUTH SUICIDE prevention;

22 (i) Ensuring that suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention remains
23 a state priority; and

24 (j) Encouraging the development of suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE
25 prevention plans at the local level.

26 (2) (b) When appointing the commission members, the executive
27 director shall ensure that persons of different ethnic backgrounds are

1 represented and that the regions of the state with high suicide AND YOUTH
2 SUICIDE rates, including rural areas, are represented and that the
3 commission includes members with expertise with groups associated with
4 high suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE rates and ~~suicide~~ attempts, including
5 persons with disabilities; working-age men; senior adults; veterans and
6 active-duty military personnel; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
7 youth and adults; and Coloradans of disproportionately affected
8 diversities and genders.

9 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-201, **amend**
10 (9)(a) as follows:

11 **12-43-201. Definitions.** As used in this article 43, unless the
12 context otherwise requires:

13 (9) (a) "Psychotherapy", OR "PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES", means
14 the treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, or counseling in a
15 professional relationship to assist individuals or groups to alleviate
16 behavioral and mental health disorders; understand unconscious or
17 conscious motivation; resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal
18 conflicts; or modify behaviors that interfere with effective emotional,
19 social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a planned
20 procedure of intervention that takes place on a regular basis, over a period
21 of time, or in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief psychotherapy,
22 psychotherapy can be a single intervention.

23 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43-202.5 as
24 follows:

25 **12-43-202.5. Minors - consent for outpatient psychotherapy -**
26 **legislative declaration - immunity.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
27 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

1 (I) THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL FOUND SUICIDE TO BE THE
2 TENTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR ALL AGES IN 2013 AND IS
3 CURRENTLY THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR COLORADO YOUTH WHO
4 ARE TEN THROUGH FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

5 (II) ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
6 SUICIDOLOGY, THE SUICIDE RATE FOR YOUTH WHO ARE TEN THROUGH
7 FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT
8 OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES; AND

9 (III) YOUTH WHO ARE TEN THROUGH FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE
10 OFTEN AVOID OBTAINING, OR ARE LEGALLY UNABLE TO OBTAIN WITHOUT
11 PARENTAL CONSENT, OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES THAT
12 WOULD HELP THEM PRIOR TO REACHING CRISIS LEVELS BECAUSE THEY ARE
13 EMBARRASSED OR CONCERNED ABOUT SPEAKING WITH THEIR PARENTS
14 ABOUT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS AND SITUATION.

15 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE DECLARES THAT IT IS A
16 MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN TO ALLOW YOUTH WHO ARE TWELVE
17 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO HAVE LEGAL ACCESS TO OUTPATIENT
18 PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF OR NOTIFICATION
19 TO THE YOUTH'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. PROVIDING THESE YOUTH
20 WITH ACCESS TO OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES IS INTENDED TO
21 REDUCE YOUTH SUICIDES AND ALLOW MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO
22 WORK WITH YOUTH TO TEACH THEM FUNCTIONAL COPING SKILLS. MENTAL
23 HEALTH PROVIDERS WOULD FURTHER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
24 THESE YOUTH BUILD HEALTHY CONNECTIONS WITH PARENTS OR LEGAL
25 GUARDIANS BY INCREASING COMMUNICATION AND STRENGTHENING THE
26 BOND BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD, THUS BUILDING AN ONGOING,
27 NONCLINICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE YOUTH TO USE TO MANAGE HIS OR

1 HER MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

2 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
3 CONTRARY, A MINOR TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER MAY REQUEST
4 AND CONSENT TO OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN
5 SECTION 12-43-201 (9), PROVIDED BY ANY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
6 LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 43. THE MINOR MAY OBTAIN SUCH
7 OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF HIS OR
8 HER PARENT, PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING
9 CUSTODY OR DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
10 MINOR. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION AND IN
11 SECTION 13-21-117 (2), THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS
12 PROVIDING OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES TO A MINOR
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION
14 OF SUCH PROVISION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES TO THE MINOR'S
15 PARENT, PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING
16 CUSTODY OR DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
17 MINOR. IN ANY SUCH CASE, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS
18 LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 43 AND IS PROVIDING THE MINOR
19 WITH OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL OR
20 CRIMINAL LIABILITY, UNLESS THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ACTED
21 NEGLIGENTLY OR OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER PRACTICE. THE
22 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO INPATIENT
23 PSYCHOTHERAPY OR OTHER INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
24 PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL, FACILITY, OR OTHER INPATIENT SETTING
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-103 (2).

26 (3) IF A MINOR WHO IS RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION COMMUNICATES TO THE MENTAL HEALTH

1 PROFESSIONAL A CLEAR AND IMMINENT INTENT OR THREAT TO INFLICT
2 SERIOUS BODILY HARM ON HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR OTHERS, THE MENTAL
3 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
4 13-21-117 (2) AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE MINOR PATIENT'S
5 PARENT, PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING
6 CUSTODY OR DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
7 MINOR OF SUCH COMMUNICATION.

8 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-21-117, **amend**
9 (2) as follows:

10 **13-21-117. Civil liability - mental health providers - duty to**
11 **warn - definitions.** (2) (a) A mental health provider is not liable for
12 damages in any civil action for failure to warn or protect a specific person
13 or persons, including those identifiable by their association with a specific
14 location or entity, against the violent behavior of a person receiving
15 treatment from the mental health provider, and any such mental health
16 provider must not be held civilly liable for failure to predict such violent
17 behavior except where:

18 (I) The patient has communicated to the mental health provider a
19 serious threat of imminent physical violence against a specific person or
20 persons, including those identifiable by their association with a specific
21 location or entity; OR

22 (II) THE PATIENT HAS COMMUNICATED TO THE MENTAL HEALTH
23 PROVIDER A CLEAR AND IMMINENT INTENT OR THREAT TO INFLICT SERIOUS
24 BODILY HARM ON HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR OTHERS.

25 (b) When there is a duty to warn and protect under the provisions
26 of ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
27 SECTION, the mental health provider shall make reasonable and timely

1 efforts to notify EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, AS APPLICABLE TO
2 THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SITUATION:

3 (I) The person or persons THREATENED; ~~or~~

4 (II) The person or persons responsible for a specific location or
5 entity that is specifically threatened, as well as to notify an appropriate
6 law enforcement agency; ~~or to~~ AND

7 (III) IN THE CASE OF A MINOR RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY
8 SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-202.5, THE MINOR'S PARENT,
9 PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OR
10 DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE MINOR.

11 (b.3) WHEN THERE IS A DUTY TO WARN AND PROTECT UNDER THE
12 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE MENTAL HEALTH
13 PROVIDER MAY, IN ADDITION TO THE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS OF
14 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, take other appropriate action,
15 including but not limited to hospitalizing the patient.

16 (b.5) A mental health provider is not liable for damages in any
17 civil action for warning a specific person or persons; A MINOR'S PARENT,
18 PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OR
19 DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE MINOR; or a
20 person or persons responsible for a specific location or entity, against or
21 predicting the violent behavior of a person receiving treatment from the
22 mental health provider.

23 (c) A mental health provider must not be subject to professional
24 discipline when there is a duty to warn and protect pursuant to this
25 section.

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-103, **amend**
27 (1) and (2) as follows:

1 **27-65-103. Voluntary application for inpatient mental health**
2 **services in hospitals, facilities, or other inpatient setting - consent by**
3 **minor - mandatory reviews.** (1) (a) ~~Nothing in This article 65 in any~~
4 ~~way limits~~ DOES NOT LIMIT the right of any person to ~~make voluntary~~
5 ~~application~~ VOLUNTARILY APPLY at any time to any public or private
6 ~~agency or professional person~~ HOSPITAL, FACILITY, OR OTHER INPATIENT
7 SETTING for INPATIENT mental health services, either by direct application
8 in person or by referral from any other public or private agency or
9 professional person.

10 (b) Subject to section 15-14-316 (4), a ward, as defined in section
11 15-14-102 (15), may be admitted to A hospital, ~~or institutional~~ FACILITY,
12 OR OTHER INPATIENT SETTING FOR INPATIENT care and treatment ~~for~~ OF a
13 mental health disorder by consent of the guardian for so long as the ward
14 agrees to such care and treatment. Within ten days after ~~any such~~ THE
15 WARD'S admission, the guardian shall notify in writing the court that
16 appointed the guardian of the admission.

17 (2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 65 ONLY, AND
18 notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is fifteen years
19 of age or older ~~whether with or without the consent of a parent or legal~~
20 ~~guardian,~~ may consent, WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR
21 LEGAL GUARDIAN, to receive INPATIENT mental health services ~~to be~~
22 rendered by a HOSPITAL, facility, ~~or by a professional person or mental~~
23 ~~health professional licensed pursuant to part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8 of article 43~~
24 ~~of title 12, C.R.S., in any practice setting~~ OR OTHER INPATIENT SETTING.
25 Such consent ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT subject to disaffirmance because of
26 minority. The ~~professional person or licensed mental health professional~~
27 ~~rendering~~ HOSPITAL, FACILITY, OR OTHER INPATIENT FACILITY PROVIDING

1 INPATIENT mental health services to a minor may, with or without the
2 consent of the minor, advise the parent or legal guardian of the minor of
3 the services given or needed.

4 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-121, **add** (1)(j)
5 as follows:

6 **27-65-121. Records.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of
7 this section, all information obtained and records prepared in the course
8 of providing any services pursuant to this article 65 to individuals
9 pursuant to any provision of this article 65 are confidential and privileged
10 matter. The information and records may be disclosed only:

11 (j) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13-21-117 (2).

12 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1302, **amend** (1)
13 introductory portion and (1)(e) as follows:

14 **2-2-1302. Colorado youth advisory council - creation -**
15 **purpose.** (1) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the legislative branch the
16 Colorado youth advisory council to examine, evaluate, and discuss the
17 issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth now and in the
18 future and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected
19 officials regarding those issues. The issues may include, but need not be
20 limited to:

21 (e) Behavioral and physical health, including suicide AND YOUTH
22 SUICIDE prevention;

23 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-104, **amend**
24 (2)(c) as follows:

25 **18-1.9-104. Task force concerning treatment of persons with**
26 **mental health disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems**
27 **- creation - membership - duties.** (2) **Issues for study.** The task force

1 shall examine the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of persons with
2 mental health disorders who are involved in the state criminal and
3 juvenile justice systems, including an examination of liability, safety, and
4 cost as they relate to these issues. The task force shall specifically
5 consider, but need not be limited to, the following issues, on or after July
6 1, 2014:

7 (c) Best practices for suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention,
8 within and outside of correctional facilities;

9 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-104.5,
10 **amend** (1)(b) as follows:

11 **22-91-104.5. School counselor corps advisory board - created**
12 **- guidelines.** (1) There is created within the department the school
13 counselor corps advisory board. The department shall establish guidelines
14 for the duties, membership, and responsibilities of the advisory board.
15 The advisory board may include, but is not limited to, members:

16 (b) Who have expertise in elementary, middle, and high school
17 counseling; student retention; counselor education; career and technical
18 education; student support services; career planning; precollegiate
19 services and college admissions; and mental health and YOUTH suicide
20 prevention.

21 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-103, **amend**
22 (3) as follows:

23 **26-5.7-103. Family reconciliation services.** (3) Family
24 reconciliation services that may be established ~~shall~~ **MUST** be designed to
25 develop skills and support within families to resolve problems related to
26 homeless youth or family conflicts and may include, but are not limited
27 to, referral services for suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention, family

1 preservation services, psychiatric or other medical care, or psychological,
2 welfare, legal, educational, mediation, or other social services such as
3 temporary shelter or independent living, as appropriate to the needs of the
4 youth and the family. County departments that elect to provide family
5 educational reconciliation services shall work in cooperation with school
6 district boards of education providing educational services to homeless
7 children in order to jointly develop educational programs for homeless
8 youth consistent with section 22-33-103.5. ~~C.R.S.~~

9 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-4101, **amend**
10 (2)(b) as follows:

11 **39-22-4101. Legislative declaration.** (2) The general assembly
12 further finds and declares that Families in Action for Mental Health:

13 (b) Promotes suicide AND YOUTH SUICIDE prevention efforts and
14 education;

15 **SECTION 14. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.