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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND, IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN ONLINE DIRECTORY
WITH INFORMATION TO AVAILABLE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CARE SERVICES AND ENCOURAGING HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE A COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH
EDUCATION TO SATISFY 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 71

Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention Resources

27-71-101. Definitions. As used in this article 71, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Behavioral health" has the same meaning as set forth in section 27-60-100.3 (1).

(2) "State department" means the state department of human services created pursuant to section 26-1-105.

27-71-102. Mental health education and suicide prevention resources - directory created. (1) (a) No later than November 1, 2021, the state department shall contract with an organization to create an online resource directory for individuals seeking mental health education and suicide prevention resources.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN COLORADO, WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(I) THE PROVIDER’S NAME, WEBSITE ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER;

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

(III) LANGUAGES SERVED.

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

(3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE DEMOGRAPHIC-SPECIFIC, TARGETED, AND DESTIGMATIZED DIGITAL
MESSAGING DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-71-103, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION IS PRESENTED IN A DIGITAL FORMAT.


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

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

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

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

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

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