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**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Berry  
Sen. Lacy

**Bill Status:** House HEWI

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE COORDINATION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2000/2001</b>	<b>FY 2001/2002</b>
<b>State Revenues</b> General Fund		
<b>State Expenditures</b> General Fund	\$ 157,846	\$ 150,830
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE
<b>Other State Impact:</b> None		
<b>Effective Date:</b> 90 Days After Adjournment Unless Referendum Petition Is Filed		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2000-2001:</b>		
Department of Public Health and Environment	\$157,846 + 2.0 FTE	
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill directs the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) to act as the state coordinator for suicide prevention programs throughout the state. The bill authorizes the DPHE to accept gifts, grants and donations to assist it in performing its duties as the coordinator for suicide prevention programs and creates the Suicide Prevention Coordination Cash Fund. The DPHE is required to report annually, on or before November 1, 2000, on the status of the coordination of suicide prevention programs.

**State Expenditures**

**Department of Public Health and Environment — \$157,846.** The DPHE will require \$157,846 and 2.0 FTE in FY 2000-01 and \$150,830 and 2.0 FTE in FY 2001-02.

**Background.** In its budget submission for FY 2000-01, the department requested as its number three funding priority, \$161,878 and 2.0 FTE to develop a Suicide Prevention Program. During budget deliberations, the Joint Budget Committee voted not to fund the request due to the

lack of specific statutory authority to develop such a program. HB 00-1432 provides the necessary language to develop a Suicide Prevention Program, and the costs identified under the bill mirror those included in the department's FY 2000-01 decision item.

**FTE Costs.** The department will require 1.0 FTE General Professional V and 1.0 FTE Program Assistant I to develop the program. The General Professional V position will implement the program, convene a multi-disciplinary suicide prevention advisory board, administer and monitor local agency grants and public education contracts, direct data collection, assess mental health services and barriers to assistance, conduct training programs, and respond to public and professional inquiries on suicide. The Program Assistant I position will provide administrative support. Total personal services and operating expenses are identified at \$94,346 in FY 2000-01 and \$87,330 in FY 2001-02.

**Other Costs.** The department will require \$63,500 in both fiscal years to purchase the following services:

- **Local Grants - \$30,000.** Moneys will be distributed to local agencies through an RFP process to develop, assess, and evaluate suicide prevention services and strategies.
- **Assessment Services - \$5,000.** Moneys will be used to conduct a statewide needs assessment focusing on mental health services, access and barriers to care, availability and content of suicide prevention services, and trends in suicide attempts.
- **Training - \$2,500.** Moneys will be used to purchase services from suicide prevention specialists to assist with community training programs.
- **Public Education Campaign - \$26,000.** Moneys will be used to purchase services from local businesses and/or local agencies to conduct a statewide suicide prevention public education and awareness campaign.

### **State Appropriations**

The fiscal note indicates that for FY 2000-01, the Department of Public Health and Environment should receive a General Fund appropriation of \$157,846 and 2.0 FTE. The bill currently includes an appropriation for \$161,878 from "set-aside" funds.

### **Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment