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HOUSE BILL 12-1140

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Jones,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Newell,

House Committees

Health and Environment
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The Colorado department of public health and environment (department) is designated in statute as the coordinator for suicide prevention programs throughout the state. The bill adds as a duty of the department, in its coordinator role, that the department require all

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

hospitals that it licenses or certifies to educate parents, relatives, or friends to whom a minor who attempts suicide or displays suicidal gestures will be released from the hospital regarding the warning signs of suicide and suicide prevention.

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~subparagraph (H) be discontinued.~~

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

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

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

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

27 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.