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SENATE BILL 14-088

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Senate Committees

Health & Human Services
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION**
102 **COMMISSION.**

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/bills summaries>.)

The bill creates the suicide prevention commission (commission) for the purpose of providing public and private leadership and recommendations regarding suicide prevention in Colorado. The commission will have members who represent the public and private sectors and who have experience with, or have been affected by, suicide

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.*

and suicide prevention. The department will provide administrative support to the commission. The bill requires the office of suicide prevention to include recommendations of the commission in its annual report to the general assembly and present the report in the annual SMART Act hearings.

The bill authorizes the department of public health and environment to receive gifts, grants, and donations for the costs associated with the implementation and duties of the commission.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 finds and declares that suicide can be prevented, that the incidence of
4 suicide is extremely high in Colorado, and that suicide is a matter of
5 statewide concern and therefore requires further attention to educate the
6 public and provide resources to reduce the incidence of suicide.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1.5-111 as
8 follows:

9 **25-1.5-111. Suicide prevention commission - created -**
10 **responsibilities - gifts, grants, donations - repeal.** (1) THE SUICIDE
11 PREVENTION COMMISSION IS HEREBY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

12 (a) PROVIDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LEADERSHIP FOR SUICIDE
13 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN COLORADO;

14 (b) SETTING STATEWIDE, DATA-DRIVEN, EVIDENCE-BASED, AND
15 CLINICALLY INFORMED SUICIDE PREVENTION PRIORITIES IN COLORADO;

16 (c) SERVING AS AN ADVISOR TO THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE
17 PREVENTION;

18 (d) ESTABLISHING AND LEADING SUBGROUPS TO SET STRATEGY
19 AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR EACH STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION
20 PRIORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION;

21 (e) PROVIDING A FORUM FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,

1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND LAWMAKERS TO EXAMINE
2 THE CURRENT STATUS OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
3 POLICIES, ANALYZE THE SYSTEM'S NEAR-TERM OPPORTUNITIES AND
4 CHALLENGES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE
5 PREVENTION, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
6 REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS IN POLICIES AND
7 PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE PREVENTABLE OCCURRENCE OF SUICIDE IN
8 COLORADO;

9 (f) EXPANDING LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND
10 RESOURCES FOR STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES;

11 (g) PROMOTING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG
12 SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES ACROSS COLORADO;

13 (h) ENSURING THAT SUICIDE PREVENTION REMAINS A STATE
14 PRIORITY; AND

15 (i) ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
16 PLANS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

17 (2) (a) WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
18 SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
19 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMITTEE NO MORE
20 THAN TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING:

21 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
22 IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH OFFICE SHALL SERVE AS THE ADMINISTRATOR
23 AND COORDINATOR OF THE COMMISSION;

24 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
25 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

26 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT;

27 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HIGHER EDUCATION;

- 1 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM K-20 EDUCATION;
- 2 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
3 PROGRAM OR A HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FROM THE PRIVATE
4 SECTOR;
- 5 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
6 COALITION OF COLORADO;
- 7 (VIII) A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL;
- 8 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
9 TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
- 10 (X) AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES
11 MILITARY WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY SUICIDE;
- 12 (XI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY
13 COUNCIL;
- 14 (XII) A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PERSON WHO DIED BY SUICIDE;
- 15 (XIII) A PERSON WHO HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, RECOVERED, AND
16 IS NOW THRIVING;
- 17 (XIV) A PERSON REPRESENTING A PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION;
- 18 (XV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS OR FIRST
19 RESPONDERS;
- 20 (XVI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY
21 MEDICAL FACILITY;
- 22 (XVII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL, RANCHING,
23 OR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY FROM A RURAL AREA;
- 24 (XVIII) AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO BUSINESS
25 COMMUNITY, ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A RURAL AREA;
- 26 (XIX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
27 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY;

1 (XX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
2 SERVICE CLUB;

3 (XXI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION;

4 (XXII) A STATE LEGISLATOR WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY OR WHO
5 HAS EXPERIENCE WITH SUICIDE; AND

6 (XXIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING.

8 (b) WHEN APPOINTING THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE
9 CO-CHAIRPERSONS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE REGIONS OF THE STATE WITH
10 HIGH SUICIDE RATES, INCLUDING RURAL AREAS, ARE REPRESENTED AND
11 THAT THE COMMISSION INCLUDES MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE WITH GROUPS
12 ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH SUICIDE RATES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS,
13 INCLUDING: WORKING-AGE MEN; SENIOR ADULTS; VETERANS AND
14 ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL; LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND
15 TRANSGENDER YOUTHS; AND COLORADANS OF DISPROPORTIONATELY
16 AFFECTED DIVERSITIES AND GENDERS.

17 (c) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
18 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT
19 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

20 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION
21 SUPPORT THAT INCLUDES THE COORDINATION OF ALL COMMISSION
22 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING: MEETING LOGISTICS, AGENDA DEVELOPMENT,
23 AND FOLLOW-UP; ORGANIZING AND ORIENTING COMMISSION MEMBERS;
24 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS TO SET PRIORITIES,
25 RECRUIT MEMBERS, OVERSEE ALL COMMISSION INITIATIVES, COORDINATE
26 ACTIVITIES, AND IMPLEMENT ANY COMMISSION-DIRECTED INITIATIVES;
27 AND ANY OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS. THE

1 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HUMAN SERVICES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
3 COLORADO DEPRESSION CENTER, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUICIDE
4 PREVENTION COALITION OF COLORADO MAY ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO
5 THE COMMISSION.

6 (4) THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SHALL INCLUDE THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED
8 ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-101
9 AND SHALL PRESENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL
10 PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO THE "STATE
11 MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, TRANSPARENT
12 (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" AS ENACTED BY HOUSE BILL 10-1119 IN
13 2010.

14 (5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
15 DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES FOR THE DIRECT AND
16 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DUTIES
17 ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT
18 ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO THE STATE
19 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEYS TO THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
20 COORDINATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-101 (1) (w) (II).
21 THE FUND ALSO CONSISTS OF ANY MONEYS APPROPRIATED OR
22 TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE
23 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO
24 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

25 (6) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

26 (b) PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
27 AGENCIES SHALL REVIEW THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **amend** (3)
3 introductory portion; and **add** (3) (kk) as follows:

4 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The
5 following dates are the dates ~~for~~ ON which the statutory authorization for
6 the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

7 (kk) SEPTEMBER 1, 2024:

8 (I) THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION
9 25-1.5-111, C.R.S.

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