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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 2000

By: Brogdon of the Senate

and

6 McDaniel (Randy) of the  
7 House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S.  
11 2001, Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-103, Section 12-  
12 104, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389,  
13 O.S.L. 2004 and Section 12-105 (43A O.S. Supp. 2007,  
14 Section 12-104), which relate to the Youth Suicide  
15 Prevention Act; changing name of the Youth Suicide  
16 Prevention Act to the Suicide Prevention Act;  
17 altering purpose of the Youth Suicide Prevention Act;  
18 modifying language to conform to name; changing name  
19 of Youth Suicide Prevention Council to Oklahoma  
20 Suicide Prevention Council; extending duration of  
21 Council; altering membership of council; modifying  
22 certain condition for vacancy; modifying duties of  
23 Council; and providing an effective date.  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-101, is  
amended to read as follows:

1 Section 12-101. Sections ~~4~~ 12-101 through ~~5~~ 12-105 of this ~~act~~  
2 title shall be known and may be cited as the "~~Youth~~ Suicide  
3 Prevention Act".

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-102, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 12-102. The purpose of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide Prevention Act  
7 is to facilitate the translation of ~~youth~~ suicide-related data into  
8 comprehensive public policy that is directed toward reducing the  
9 number of attempted suicides and suicides in Oklahoma by:

- 10 1. Improving methods of identifying ~~children, youth~~ minors and  
11 ~~young~~ adults who are at risk of ~~committing~~ dying by suicide;
- 12 2. Improving awareness of and access to existing mental health  
13 services for individuals identified as needing those services; and
- 14 3. Coordinating and developing community resources to prevent  
15 attempted suicide and suicide among ~~children, youth,~~ minors and  
16 ~~young~~ adults.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-103, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 12-103. As used in the ~~Youth~~ Suicide Prevention Act:

- 20 1. "Attempted suicide" means the voluntary and intentional  
21 injury to one's own body with the goal of ending one's own life; and
- 22 2. "Suicide" means the voluntary and intentional taking of  
23 one's own life.

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1 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-104, as  
2 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2004 (43A O.S. Supp.  
3 2007, Section 12-104), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 12-104. A. There is hereby created until January 1,  
5 ~~2010~~ 2015, a ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council. The  
6 Council shall assist with the implementation of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide  
7 Prevention Act.

8 B. The ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council shall be  
9 composed of twenty-one (21) members as follows:

10 1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 2. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the  
13 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

14 3. Two representatives of the Department of Mental Health and  
15 Substance Abuse Services appointed by the Commissioner of Mental  
16 Health and Substance Abuse Services;

17 4. Two representatives of the State Department of Health  
18 appointed by the State Commissioner of Health;

19 5. One representative of the State Department of Education  
20 appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

21 6. One representative of the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
22 appointed by the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

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1           7. One representative of the Oklahoma Commission on Children  
2 and Youth appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on  
3 Children and Youth;

4           8. Two survivors of attempted ~~youth suicide or other youth~~, one  
5 of whom is a minor, who have had experience with attempted suicide  
6 or suicide, ~~one each~~; the minor shall be appointed by the President  
7 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the adult shall be appointed by the  
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9           9. Two survivors of suicide, including, but not limited to,  
10 parents or other family members of ~~youths~~ persons who committed  
11 suicide, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12           10. One teacher and one school counselor each to be appointed  
13 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14           11. ~~Two~~ Three licensed mental health professionals who work in  
15 the area of suicide prevention, one with the youth population, one  
16 with the adult population, and one with the older adult population  
17 appointed by the Governor; and

18           12. ~~One child psychiatrist who is licensed pursuant to the laws~~  
19 ~~of this state appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;~~  
20 ~~and~~

21 ~~13.~~ Three members of the clergy, one each appointed by the  
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives and the Governor.

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1 C. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
2 Services, or a designee, shall convene the initial meeting of the  
3 Council, at which time the Council shall elect a chair and vice-  
4 chair from among its membership. Staff assistance to the Council  
5 shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
6 Abuse Services and the State Department of Health. Members of the  
7 Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the  
8 Council but shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for  
9 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant  
10 to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

11 D. Upon four ~~consecutive~~ absences of a Council member within  
12 one (1) calendar year, the position shall be considered vacant. The  
13 chair may notify the appointing authority of the vacancy and request  
14 that another individual be appointed to fill the position.

15 E. The responsibilities of the Council shall include, but not  
16 be limited to, the following:

17 1. Collaborate with community partnership boards established  
18 pursuant to Section 601.11 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes and  
19 other community-level planning bodies to assist in the development  
20 and coordination of local resources and building community capacity  
21 to address the issue of ~~youth~~ minor and adult suicide;

22 2. Provide technical assistance to schools and communities with  
23 respect to the best practices in the identification and treatment of  
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1 ~~children, youth and young~~ minors and adults at risk for ~~committing~~  
2 suicide;

3 3. Identify systemic issues and promote strategies to prevent  
4 suicide among ~~children, youth~~ minors and ~~young~~ adults; and

5 4. Promote public awareness of the problem of ~~youth~~ minor  
6 suicide and the efforts being made in Oklahoma to reduce morbidity  
7 and mortality associated with suicide.

8 F. The Council shall submit a report to the Governor, the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore  
10 of the Senate, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
11 Services and the State Commissioner of Health no later than December  
12 1 of each year. The report shall provide an update of activities  
13 and progress in implementing the provisions of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide  
14 Prevention Act, and offer policy and legislative recommendations.

15 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-105, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 12-105. A. The Department of Mental Health and  
18 Substance Abuse Services shall act as the lead agency in  
19 implementing the provisions of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide Prevention Act in  
20 cooperation with the ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council.

21 B. The Department shall have primary responsibility for  
22 evaluating the effectiveness of efforts designed to reduce the  
23 number of attempted suicides and suicides, and shall submit an  
24 evaluation report to the Chair of the ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide

1 Prevention Council, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor no later than  
3 July 1 of each year.

4 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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