

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 2000

By: Brogdon of the Senate

3 and

4 McDaniel (Randy) of the
5 House

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7 [Youth Suicide Prevention Act - council -

8 effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

13 Section 12-101. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be known
14 and may be cited as the "~~Youth~~ Suicide Prevention Act".

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

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

21 1. Improving methods of identifying ~~children, youth~~ minors and
22 ~~young~~ adults who are at risk of ~~committing~~ dying by suicide;

23 2. Improving awareness of and access to existing mental health
24 services for individuals identified as needing those services; and

1 3. Coordinating and developing community resources to prevent
2 attempted suicide and suicide among ~~children, youth,~~ minors and
3 ~~young~~ adults.

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

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

7 1. "Attempted suicide" means the voluntary and intentional
8 ~~injury~~ harm to one's own body with the goal of ending one's own life
9 or a conscious intent of self-destructive action that ends in death;
10 and

11 2. "Suicide" means the voluntary and intentional taking of
12 one's own life or engaging in a self-destructive act that one
13 believes will cause death.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-104, as
15 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2004 (43A O.S. Supp.
16 2007, Section 12-104), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 12-104. A. There is hereby created until January 1,
18 ~~2010~~ 2015, a ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council. The
19 Council shall assist with the implementation of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide
20 Prevention Act.

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

23 1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 1 2. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 3 3. Two representatives of the Department of Mental Health and
4 Substance Abuse Services appointed by the Commissioner of Mental
5 Health and Substance Abuse Services;
- 6 4. Two representatives of the State Department of Health
7 appointed by the State Commissioner of Health;
- 8 5. One representative of the State Department of Education
9 appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- 10 6. One representative of the Office of Juvenile Affairs
11 appointed by the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;
- 12 7. One representative of the Oklahoma Commission on Children
13 and Youth appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on
14 Children and Youth;
- 15 8. Two survivors of attempted ~~youth~~ suicide ~~or other youth~~, one
16 of whom is a minor, who have had experience with attempted suicide
17 ~~or suicide, one each appointed~~; the minor shall be appointed by the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the adult shall be appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 20 9. Two survivors of suicide, including, but not limited to,
21 parents or other family members of ~~youths~~ persons who committed
22 suicide, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 23 10. One teacher and one school counselor each to be appointed
24 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

1 11. ~~Two~~ Three licensed mental health professionals who work in
2 the area of suicide prevention, one with the youth population, one
3 with the adult population, and one with the older adult population
4 appointed by the Governor; and

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

8 13. Three members of the clergy, one each appointed by the
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives and the Governor.

11 C. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
12 Services, or a designee, shall convene the initial meeting of the
13 Council, at which time the Council shall elect a chair and vice-
14 chair from among its membership. Staff assistance to the Council
15 shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance
16 Abuse Services and the State Department of Health. Members of the
17 Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the
18 Council but shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for
19 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant
20 to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

21 D. Upon four ~~consecutive~~ absences of a Council member within
22 one calendar year, the position shall be considered vacant. The
23 chair may notify the appointing authority of the vacancy and request
24 that another individual be appointed to fill the position.

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

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

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

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

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

17 F. The Council shall submit a report to the Governor, the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
19 of the Senate, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
20 Services and the State Commissioner of Health no later than December
21 1 of each year. The report shall provide an update of activities
22 and progress in implementing the provisions of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide
23 Prevention Act, and offer policy and legislative recommendations.
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1 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-105, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

7 B. The Department shall have primary responsibility for
8 evaluating the effectiveness of efforts designed to reduce the
9 number of attempted suicides and suicides, and shall submit an
10 evaluation report to the Chair of the ~~Youth~~ Oklahoma Suicide
11 Prevention Council, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor no later than
13 July 1 of each year.

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

15 Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

20 2008.

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