

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 2000

By: Brogdon of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 2001, Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-103, 12-104, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2004 and 12-105 (43A O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 12-104), which relate to the Youth Suicide Prevention Act; changing name of the Youth Suicide Prevention Act to the Suicide Prevention Act; altering purpose of the Youth Suicide Prevention Act; modifying language to conform to name; changing name of Youth Suicide Prevention Council to Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council; extending duration of Council; altering membership of Council; modifying certain condition for vacancy; modifying duties of Council; and providing an effective date.

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives