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Committee Substitute for
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Senate Bill No. 2000

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2000 - By:
BROGDON of the Senate and MCDANIEL (RANDY), KERN AND PITTMAN of the
House.

An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 2001, Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-103, Section 12-104, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2004 and Section 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 2. "Suicide" means the voluntary and intentional taking of one's own life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 D. Upon four ~~consecutive~~ absences of a Council member within one (1) calendar
22 year, the position shall be considered vacant. The chair may notify the appointing

1 authority of the vacancy and request that another individual be appointed to fill the
2 position.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 04-07-08 -
13 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.