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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S.
8 2001, Sections 12-101, 12-102 and 12-103, Section 12-
9 104, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389,
10 O.S.L. 2004 (43A O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 12-104) and
11 Section 12-105, which relate to the Youth Suicide
12 Prevention Act; changing name of the Youth Suicide
13 Prevention Act to the Suicide Prevention Act;
14 altering purpose of the Youth Suicide Prevention Act;
15 modifying language; modifying definitions; changing
16 name of Youth Suicide Prevention Council to Oklahoma
17 Suicide Prevention Council; extending certain
18 council; altering membership of certain council;
19 modifying certain condition for vacancy; modifying
20 duties of certain council; and providing an effective
21 date.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

Section 12-101. Sections 1 through 5 of this act 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 12-104, as
23 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2004 (43A O.S. Supp.
24 2007, Section 12-104), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 12-104. A. There is hereby created until January 1,
2 ~~2010~~ 2015, a ~~Youth~~ an Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council. The
3 Council shall assist with the implementation of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide
4 Prevention Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 8. Two survivors of attempted ~~youth~~ suicide ~~or other youth~~, one
24 of whom is a minor, who have had experience with attempted suicide

1 or suicide, ~~one each appointed~~; the minor shall be appointed by the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the adult shall be appointed
3 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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

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

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

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

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

19 C. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
20 Services, or a designee, shall convene the initial meeting of the
21 Council, at which time the Council shall elect a chair and vice-
22 chair from among its membership. Staff assistance to the Council
23 shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance
24 Abuse Services and the State Department of Health. Members of the

1 Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the
2 Council but shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for
3 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant
4 to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 F. The Council shall submit a report to the Governor, the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
3 of the Senate, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
4 Services and the State Commissioner of Health no later than December
5 1 of each year. The report shall provide an update of activities
6 and progress in implementing the provisions of the ~~Youth~~ Suicide
7 Prevention Act, and offer policy and legislative recommendations.

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

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

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

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

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