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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
102 COMMISSION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill creates the suicide prevention commission (commission) for the purpose of providing public and private leadership and recommendations regarding suicide prevention in Colorado. The commission will have members who represent the public and private sectors and who have experience with, or have been affected by, suicide

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

and suicide prevention. The department will provide administrative support to the commission. The bill requires the office of suicide prevention to include recommendations of the commission in its annual report to the general assembly and present the report in the annual SMART Act hearings.

The bill authorizes the department of public health and environment to receive gifts, grants, and donations for the costs associated with the implementation and duties of the commission.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1.5-111 as
3 follows:

4 **25-1.5-111. Suicide prevention commission - created -**
5 **responsibilities - gifts, grants, donations - repeal.** (1) THE SUICIDE
6 PREVENTION COMMISSION IS HEREBY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

7 (a) PROVIDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LEADERSHIP FOR SUICIDE
8 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN COLORADO;

9 (b) SETTING STATEWIDE, DATA-DRIVEN SUICIDE PREVENTION
10 PRIORITIES IN COLORADO;

11 (c) SERVING AS AN ADVISOR TO THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE
12 PREVENTION;

13 (d) ESTABLISHING AND LEADING SUBGROUPS TO SET STRATEGY
14 AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR EACH STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION
15 PRIORITY;

16 (e) PROVIDING A FORUM FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
17 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND LAWMAKERS TO EXAMINE
18 THE CURRENT STATUS OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
19 POLICIES, ANALYZE THE SYSTEM'S NEAR-TERM OPPORTUNITIES AND
20 CHALLENGES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE
21 PREVENTION, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS IN POLICIES AND
2 PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE PREVENTABLE OCCURRENCE OF SUICIDE IN
3 COLORADO;

4 (f) EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCES FOR STATEWIDE
5 SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES;

6 (g) PROMOTING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG
7 SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES ACROSS COLORADO;

8 (h) ENSURING THAT SUICIDE PREVENTION REMAINS A STATE
9 PRIORITY; AND

10 (i) ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
11 PLANS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

12 (2) (a) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
13 SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO CO-CHAIRPERSONS TO THE
14 COMMISSION. THE TWO CO-CHAIRPERSONS SHALL APPOINT TO THE
15 COMMITTEE NO MORE THAN TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS, INCLUDING:

16 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
17 IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH OFFICE SHALL SERVE AS THE ADMINISTRATOR
18 AND COORDINATOR OF THE COMMISSION;

19 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
20 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

21 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE
22 CENTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

23 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM K-20 EDUCATION;

24 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
25 PROGRAM OR A HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FROM THE PRIVATE
26 SECTOR;

27 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SUICIDE PREVENTION

- 1 COALITION OF COLORADO;
- 2 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE
3 AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION;
- 4 (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
5 TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
- 6 (IX) AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES
7 MILITARY WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY SUICIDE;
- 8 (X) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY
9 COUNCIL;
- 10 (XI) A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PERSON WHO DIED BY SUICIDE;
- 11 (XII) A PERSON WHO HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, RECOVERED, AND
12 IS NOW THRIVING;
- 13 (XIII) A PERSON FROM A PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION;
- 14 (XIV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS OR FIRST
15 RESPONDERS;
- 16 (XV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL, RANCHING,
17 OR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY FROM A RURAL AREA;
- 18 (XVI) AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO BUSINESS
19 COMMUNITY, ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A RURAL AREA;
- 20 (XVII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
21 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY;
- 22 (XVIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
23 SERVICE CLUB;
- 24 (XIX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION;
- 25 (XX) A STATE LEGISLATOR WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY OR WHO
26 HAS EXPERIENCE WITH SUICIDE; AND
- 27 (XXI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING.

2 (b) WHEN APPOINTING THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE
3 CO-CHAIRPERSONS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE REGIONS OF THE STATE WITH
4 HIGH SUICIDE RATES, INCLUDING RURAL AREAS, ARE REPRESENTED AND
5 THAT THE COMMISSION INCLUDES MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE WITH GROUPS
6 ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH SUICIDE RATES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS,
7 INCLUDING: WORKING-AGE MEN; SENIOR ADULTS; VETERANS AND
8 ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL; LESBIAN, GAY, AND TRANSGENDER
9 YOUTHS; AND YOUTHS OF DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED DIVERSITIES
10 AND GENDERS.

11 (c) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
12 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT
13 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

14 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION
15 SUPPORT THAT INCLUDES THE COORDINATION OF ALL COMMISSION
16 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING: MEETING LOGISTICS, AGENDA DEVELOPMENT,
17 AND FOLLOW-UP; ORGANIZING AND ORIENTING COMMISSION MEMBERS;
18 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS TO SET PRIORITIES,
19 RECRUIT MEMBERS, OVERSEE ALL COMMISSION INITIATIVES, COORDINATE
20 ACTIVITIES, AND IMPLEMENT ANY COMMISSION-DIRECTED INITIATIVES;
21 AND ANY OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS. THE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 HUMAN SERVICES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
24 COLORADO DEPRESSION CENTER, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUICIDE
25 PREVENTION COALITION OF COLORADO MAY ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO
26 THE COMMISSION.

27 (4) THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SHALL INCLUDE THE

1 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED
2 ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-101
3 AND SHALL PRESENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL
4 PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO THE "STATE
5 MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, TRANSPARENT
6 (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" AS ENACTED BY HOUSE BILL 10-1119 IN
7 2010.

8 (5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
9 DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES FOR THE DIRECT AND
10 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DUTIES
11 ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT
12 ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO THE STATE
13 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEYS TO THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
14 COORDINATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-101 (1) (w) (II).
15 THE FUND ALSO CONSISTS OF ANY MONEYS APPROPRIATED OR
16 TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE
17 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO
18 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

19 (6) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

20 (b) PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
21 AGENCIES SHALL REVIEW THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION
22 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **amend** (3)
24 introductory portion; and **add** (3) (kk) as follows:

25 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The
26 following dates are the dates ~~for~~ ON which the statutory authorization for
27 the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

1 (kk) SEPTEMBER 1, 2024:

2 (I) THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION
3 25-1.5-111, C.R.S.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.