

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1216
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Children, Families and Health, April 10, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1216 Do Pass.

TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a suicide prevention plan.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 630.900, to read as follows:

**630.900. 1. The director of the department of mental health, in collaboration with
2 the departments of social services, health and senior services, and corrections, shall design,
3 coordinate, and implement a state suicide prevention plan using an evidence-based public
4 health approach focused on suicide prevention.**

5 2. The director shall:

**6 (1) Promote the use of employee assistance and workplace programs to support
7 employees with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders,
8 and refer them to services. In promoting such programs, the director shall collaborate
9 with employer and professional associations, unions, and safety councils;**

**10 (2) Provide training and technical assistance to local public health and other
11 community-based professionals to provide for integrated implementation of best practices
12 for preventing suicides;**

**13 (3) Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to collect, analyze, and
14 annually issue a public report on Missouri-specific data on suicide and suicidal behaviors;
15 and**

**16 (4) Conduct periodic evaluations of the impact and outcomes from implementation
17 of the state's suicide prevention plan and each of the activities specified in this section. By**

18 **July 1, 2003, and each July first of odd-numbered years thereafter, the director shall report**
19 **the results of such evaluations to the chairs of the senate aging, families, and mental health**
20 **committee and the house children, families, and health committee.**