

HB1216 -- Suicide Prevention

Sponsor or Co-Sponsors: Johnson (61), Ostmann

Same as or similar to: Year:

Emergency Clause: or Effective Date of:

Use Summary For: Version:, Year:,

Verbatim:

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows: This bill requires the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, in collaboration with the departments of Public Safety, Elementary and Secondary Education, Mental Health and appropriate community organizations, to design and implement a state suicide prevention plan.

To implement the state suicide prevention plan, the director is required to:

(1) Promote the use of employee assistance and workplace programs to support employees experiencing depression or other psychiatric illnesses;

(2) Provide training and technical assistance to local public health and other community based professionals on best practices to prevent suicides;

(3) Coordinate with federal, state and local agencies in order to

collect, analyze and annually issue a public report on suicides and suicidal behaviors in Missouri; and

(4) Conduct periodic evaluations of the effect of the implementation of the suicide prevention program.

By July 1, 2003 and each July 1st of every odd year thereafter, the director is required to report the results of the evaluation to the chairs of the House Children, Families and Health Committee and the Senate Aging, Families and Mental Health Committee.

Joseph