



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Education)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires each state institution of higher education to develop and implement policies to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs available on and off campus.
- Requires the Board of Regents and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to post free suicide prevention materials and program information on their websites.
- Requires each state institution of higher education to provide incoming students with information about mental health topics, including available depression and suicide prevention resources.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Suicide prevention policy

The bill requires state institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies to advise students and staff of suicide prevention programs that are available

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Education Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

on and off campus. State institutions of higher education include the 13 state universities, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, community colleges, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges.¹

Each institution's policy must be implemented not later than one year after the bill's effective date and must include all of the following:

(1) Crisis intervention access, including information on national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;

(2) Mental health program access, including information on the availability of local mental health clinics, student health services, and counseling services;

(3) Multimedia application access, including crisis hotline contact information, suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free applications;

(4) Outreach plans regarding educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention; and

(5) Strategic plans to communicate effectively with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a person to suicide ("postvention").²

The bill requires that each institution post the information concerning crisis intervention access, mental health program access, multimedia application access, and outreach plans on the institution's website. Additionally, the Board of Regents and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services must post applicable free prevention materials and program information on their websites. The materials and programs must be reviewed annually by the Department.³

Mental health information

State institutions of higher education must provide incoming students with information about mental health topics, including available depression and suicide prevention resources. The information must include available mental health services and other support services, including student-run organizations for individuals at risk of or affected by suicide.⁴

¹ R.C. 3345.011, not in the bill.

² R.C. 3345.37(A).

³ R.C. 3345.37(C).

⁴ R.C. 3345.37(B).

HISTORY

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