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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

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

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, elementary and secondary
3 education, higher education, and corrections, shall design, coordinate, and implement a
4 state suicide prevention plan using an evidence-based public health approach focused on
5 suicide prevention.**

6 2. The director shall:

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

**11 (2) Promote the use of student assistance and educational programs to support
12 students with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders.
13 In promoting such programs, the director shall collaborate with educators, administrators,
14 students and parents with emphasis on identification of the risk factors associated with
15 suicide;**

**16 (3) Provide training and technical assistance to local public health and other
17 community-based professionals to provide for integrated implementation of best practices
18 for preventing suicides;**

19 (4) Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to collect, analyze, and

20 **annually issue a public report on Missouri-specific data on suicide and suicidal behaviors;**
21 **and**

22 **(5) Conduct periodic evaluations of the impact and outcomes from implementation**
23 **of the state's suicide prevention plan and each of the activities specified in this section. By**
24 **July 1, 2004, and each July first of even-numbered years thereafter, the director shall**
25 **report the results of such evaluations to the chairs of the senate aging, families, and mental**
26 **health committee and the house children, families, and health committee, or their successor**
27 **committees.**