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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (118).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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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, and develop a proposed state
4 suicide prevention plan using an evidence-based public health approach focused on suicide
5 prevention.**

6 2. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

**7 (1) Promoting 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) Promoting 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) Providing 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) Establishing a toll-free suicide prevention hotline; and

20 **(5) Coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies to collect, analyze, and**
21 **annually issue a public report on Missouri-specific data on suicide and suicidal behaviors.**
22 **3. The proposed state suicide prevention plan designed and developed pursuant to**
23 **this section shall be submitted to the general assembly by December 31, 2004, and shall**
24 **include any recommendations regarding statutory changes and implementation and**
25 **funding requirements of the plan.**