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HOUSE BILL NO. 931

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

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

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 630.1030, to read as follows:

3 **630.1030. 1. The department of mental health shall establish and maintain a**
4 **homicide prevention hotline for the purpose of assisting individuals who are**
5 **experiencing homicidal thoughts.**

6 **2. The homicide prevention hotline shall be staffed twenty-four hours per day,**
7 **seven days per week and shall have statewide accessibility through a toll-free telephone**
8 **number, which shall be designated as 414.**

9 **3. Employees or contractors of the department of mental health who are trained**
10 **in conflict resolution shall staff the homicide prevention hotline. The department of**
11 **mental health may require any other qualifications for staff it deems necessary.**

12 **4. The department of mental health shall establish a specialized mobile response**
13 **team to respond to callers who require its specialized services at the location of the crisis**
14 **or another secure community location. The specialized mobile response team shall**
15 **include only individuals who have received in-depth training on face-to-face crisis**
16 **intervention, conflict resolution, and homicide prevention. The department of mental**
health may require any other qualifications for specialized mobile response team
members it deems necessary.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **5. Hotline staff members and specialized mobile response team members shall**
18 **receive annual training on homicide prevention strategies and techniques, legal issues**
19 **associated with homicide prevention, safety issues, and available resources and services**
20 **for individuals experiencing homicidal thoughts. The department of mental health may**
21 **provide this training or may identify entities that offer such training.**

22 **6. The department of mental health shall develop written protocols for**
23 **responding to hotline callers. Hotline staff may refer callers to appropriate community**
24 **resources or take other necessary action, such as deploying the specialized mobile**
25 **response team established under subsection 4 of this section or coordinating a mobile**
26 **response with an access crisis intervention program or other existing program for crisis**
27 **intervention established by the department of mental health.**

28 **7. The department of mental health shall post the homicide prevention hotline**
29 **number on its website and include information about the hotline number in its**
30 **educational materials and outreach activities.**

31 **8. The department of mental health may fulfill the requirements of this section**
32 **by incorporating homicide prevention services into any of its existing crisis intervention**
33 **programs, such as the access crisis intervention program, as long as:**

34 **(1) The program has established a hotline number or numbers that operate**
35 **twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week;**

36 **(2) Individuals experiencing homicidal thoughts may call a hotline number and**
37 **receive substantially similar services to the services described in this section;**

38 **(3) Program staff members receive substantially similar training to the training**
39 **described in this section; and**

40 **(4) The department of mental health emphasizes the homicide prevention**
41 **services offered by the program on its website and in educational materials and**
42 **outreach activities.**

43 **9. The department of mental health shall promulgate rules to implement the**
44 **provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
45 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
46 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
47 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any**
48 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to**
49 **delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
50 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
51 **adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.**