

House Bill 2667

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(Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within Oregon Health Authority. Specifies responsibilities. Requires development of strategic plan to address suicides by adults and develop intervention strategies. Requires strategic plan to be updated every five years. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to suicides by adults; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and section 2 of this 2019 Act, "adult" means an**
5 **individual who is older than 24 years of age.**

6 **(2) An Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator is established within the**
7 **division of the Oregon Health Authority that administers mental health and addiction pro-**
8 **grams. The coordinator shall:**

9 **(a) Facilitate the development of a statewide strategic plan to address suicides by adults**
10 **and to develop prevention and intervention strategies for working with adults who are sui-**
11 **cidal;**

12 **(b) Improve outreach to adults who are at risk for suicide, including but not limited to**
13 **veterans, adults with mental illness, adults living in rural and frontier areas of this state and**
14 **Native Americans; and**

15 **(c) Provide technical assistance to state and local partners and coordinate interagency**
16 **efforts to establish suicide prevention and intervention strategies for adults who are suicidal.**

17 **(3) The coordinator shall review data and prepare an annual report to the interim and**
18 **regular committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health and to the Oregon Health**
19 **Authority regarding:**

20 **(a) The number of emergency room admissions for completed and attempted suicides by**
21 **adults;**

22 **(b) The manner and method of completed and attempted suicides by adults;**

23 **(c) The counties in which the completed and attempted suicides occurred; and**

24 **(d) Demographic information regarding adults who completed or attempted suicide, in-**
25 **cluding but not limited to:**

26 **(A) Age;**

27 **(B) Gender;**

28 **(C) Race;**

29 **(D) Primary spoken language;**

30 **(E) Sexual orientation; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (F) The existence of any physical, mental, intellectual or emotional disability.

2 **SECTION 2.** The Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator shall update the
3 strategic plan described in section 1 of this 2019 Act a minimum of once every five years.
4 Updates must include, but are not limited to:

5 (1) An assessment of current access to mental health intervention, treatment and sup-
6 port for suicidal adults, including an assessment of the:

7 (a) Affordability of treatment and support;

8 (b) Ability of adults to access treatment and support in a timely manner; and

9 (c) Availability of qualified providers who are culturally competent;

10 (2) Recommendations to improve access to appropriate mental health intervention,
11 treatment and support for suicidal adults, including improving the:

12 (a) Affordability of treatment and support;

13 (b) Ability of adults to access treatment and support in a timely manner; and

14 (c) Availability of qualified providers who are culturally competent;

15 (3) Recommendations for best practices to identify and intervene with adults who are
16 suicidal;

17 (4) Recommendations related to the use of traditional media, social media and the
18 Internet to provide opportunities for prevention and intervention of suicides by adults;

19 (5) Recommendations regarding services and strategies to respond to communities af-
20 fected by a completed suicide by an adult;

21 (6) Identification of prevention and intervention strategies used by other states with su-
22 icide rates for adults that are lower than the national average; and

23 (7) A comparison of Oregon's suicide rates for adults with the suicide rates of other
24 states.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.
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