

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0223

Suicide prevention.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the department of health; providing for
2 creation of a suicide prevention program; providing for
3 department responsibilities as specified; providing an
4 appropriation; authorizing a position; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-102(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (v) is amended to read:

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12 **9-2-102. Department of health; duties and**
13 **responsibilities; state grants.**

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15 (a) The department of health is the state mental
16 health authority, the developmental disabilities authority
17 and the substance abuse authority. The department through

1 its divisions has the following duties and responsibilities
2 to:

3 (v) Establish a statewide suicide prevention
4 program that includes:

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6 (A) A statewide written plan adopted by the
7 department following at least one (1) statewide public
8 meeting of interested persons and entities;

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10 (B) Assistance to local communities in the
11 development and maintenance of suicide prevention
12 coalitions;

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14 (C) Consultation, technical assistance and
15 training to state and local agencies, organizations and
16 professional groups;

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18 (D) Maintenance of a library of suicide
19 prevention materials and information;

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21 (E) Collection and dissemination of
22 information regarding best practices for suicide prevention
23 and intervention.

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1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated three hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to the department of health
3 from the general fund for the purposes of this act. One
4 (1) additional full-time position is authorized for the
5 department of health to carry out the responsibilities
6 created by this act.

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8 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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10 (END)