

A bill for an act

relating to health; modifying the state's suicide prevention plan; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.56, subdivisions 1, 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Suicide prevention plan.** The commissioner of health shall refine, coordinate, and implement the state's suicide prevention plan using an evidence-based, public health approach for a life-span plan focused on awareness and prevention, in collaboration with the commissioner of human services; the commissioner of public safety; the commissioner of education; the chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; the president of the University of Minnesota; and appropriate agencies, organizations, and institutions in the community.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Community-based programs.** To the extent funds are appropriated for the purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner shall establish a grant program to fund:

(1) community-based programs to provide education, outreach, and advocacy services to populations who may be at risk for suicide;

(2) community-based programs that educate community helpers and gatekeepers, such as family members, spiritual leaders, coaches, and business owners, employers, and coworkers on how to prevent suicide by encouraging help-seeking behaviors;

(3) community-based programs that educate populations at risk for suicide and community helpers and gatekeepers that must include information on the symptoms of depression and other psychiatric illnesses, the warning signs of suicide, skills for

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- 2.1 preventing suicides, and making or seeking effective referrals to intervention and
2.2 community resources; and
2.3 (4) community-based programs to provide evidence-based suicide prevention and
2.4 intervention education to school staff, parents, and students in grades kindergarten through
2.5 12, and for students attending Minnesota colleges and universities.