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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 112. PUBLIC HEALTH [131000 - 131410] (Division 112 added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 241, Sec. 34.)

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS [131000 - 131410] (Part 1 added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 241, Sec. 34.)

CHAPTER 3. The Office of Suicide Prevention [131300 - 131320] (Chapter 3 added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 142, Sec. 2.)

131300. (a) The State Department of Public Health is hereby authorized to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention in the department pursuant to this chapter. The responsibilities of the office, if established, may include all of the following:

- (1) Providing information and technical assistance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention policies and programs.
- (2) Conducting state level assessment of regional and statewide suicide prevention policies and practices, including other states' suicide prevention policies, and including specific metrics and domains as appropriate.
- (3) Monitoring and disseminating data to inform prevention efforts at the state and local levels.
- (4) Convening experts and stakeholders, including, but not limited to, stakeholders representing populations with high rates of suicide, to encourage collaboration and coordination of resources for suicide prevention.
- (5) Reporting on progress to reduce rates of suicide.

(b) If established, the office may focus activities on groups with the highest risk, including youth, Native American youth, older adults, veterans, and LGBTQ people.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 341. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021. Conditionally operative pursuant to Section 131320.)

131305. If established, the Office of Suicide Prevention may share and receive data from all entities with data relevant to the responsibilities and objectives of the office, including, but not limited to, state, federal, local, and private and nongovernmental agencies or organizations.

(Added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 142, Sec. 2. (AB 2112) Effective January 1, 2021. Conditionally operative pursuant to Section 131320.)

131310. If established, the Office of Suicide Prevention may apply for and utilize federal, state, and foundation grants.

(Added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 142, Sec. 2. (AB 2112) Effective January 1, 2021. Conditionally operative pursuant to Section 131320.)

131315. (a) If the Office of Suicide Prevention is established pursuant to Section 131300, both of the following shall apply:

- (1) The Office of Suicide Prevention shall consult with the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to implement suicide prevention efforts consistent with the Suicide Prevention Report "Striving for Zero," as described pursuant to Provision 1 of Item 4560-001-3085 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2020.
- (2) This section does not authorize the Office of Suicide Prevention to perform any of the duties required by the commission under Part 3.7 (commencing with Section 5845) of Division 5 of, or administer a program funded by Part 4.5 (commencing with Section 5890) of Division 5 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2025, if amendments to the Mental Health Services Act are approved by the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

(Repealed (in Sec. 5) and added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 790, Sec. 6. (SB 326) Effective October 12, 2023. Operative January 1, 2025, by its own provisions. Conditionally operative pursuant to Section 131320.)

[131320.](#) This chapter shall become operative only if funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act or another statute for its purposes.

(Added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 142, Sec. 2. (AB 2112) Effective January 1, 2021.)