AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; DEVELOPING A YOUTH SUICIDE

PREVENTION STRATEGY; CREATING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.--The department of health shall develop a youth suicide prevention strategy, including model suicide prevention programs to be implemented in the public schools, public post-secondary educational institutions and programs serving out-of-school youth. Development of such programs shall include a statewide, ongoing, twenty-four hour per day toll-free hotline for crisis intervention, suicide prevention education and ensuring appropriate emergency assistance response to the person in need.