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HOUSE BILL 153

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN HEALTH CARE, EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RECEIVE TRAINING IN SUICIDE RISK IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION.

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

SECTION 1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT-- PREVENTION.--

A. As a condition for initial licensure or certification and, at least once per year, as a continuing education requirement, each of the following professional disciplinary authorities shall require by rule of the disciplinary authority that individuals whom they license or certify complete one hour of training in suicide risk assessment and prevention:

- (1) the board of optometry;

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- 1 (2) the board of nursing;
- 2 (3) the chiropractic board;
- 3 (4) the New Mexico board of dental health
- 4 care;
- 5 (5) the New Mexico medical board;
- 6 (6) the nutrition and dietetics practice
- 7 board;
- 8 (7) the board of podiatry;
- 9 (8) the New Mexico state board of psychologist
- 10 examiners;
- 11 (9) the counseling and therapy practice board;
- 12 (10) the board of osteopathic medicine;
- 13 (11) the board of pharmacy;
- 14 (12) the board of examiners for occupational
- 15 therapy;
- 16 (13) the advisory board of respiratory care
- 17 practitioners;
- 18 (14) the massage therapy board;
- 19 (15) the physical therapy board;
- 20 (16) the board of nursing home administrators;
- 21 (17) the board of acupuncture and oriental
- 22 medicine;
- 23 (18) the speech-language pathology, audiology
- 24 and hearing aid dispensing practices board;
- 25 (19) the athletic trainer practice board;

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1 (20) the environmental improvement board; and

2 (21) the board of social work examiners.

3 B. Rules that licensing authorities promulgate in
4 accordance with the provisions of Subsection A of this section
5 shall conform to the minimum standards the human services
6 department establishes by rule pursuant to Section 3 of this
7 act for training in suicide risk assessment, treatment and
8 prevention.

9 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC EMPLOYEES--SUICIDE RISK
10 ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION TRAINING--MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.--

11 A. All public employees shall complete one hour of
12 training in suicide risk assessment and prevention upon being
13 hired, and thereafter at least once per year, that complies
14 with human services department rules promulgated in accordance
15 with the provisions of Section 3 of this act.

16 B. An agency shall not require its employees to pay
17 for the training required pursuant to Subsection A of this
18 section.

19 C. As used in this section:

20 (1) "agency" means the state of New Mexico,
21 any of its political subdivisions, tax-supported educational
22 institutions or a school district; and

23 (2) "public employee" means any officer or
24 employee of an agency to whom a salary is paid from public
25 funds for services rendered.

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1 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT,
2 TREATMENT AND PREVENTION TRAINING--MINIMUM STANDARDS--
3 RULEMAKING.--

4 A. By January 1, 2020, the human services
5 department shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for
6 the training programs in suicide risk assessment,
7 identification and treatment required pursuant to Sections 1
8 and 2 of this act. The minimum standards shall specify that
9 the training include one hour of empirically supported content
10 as follows:

- 11 (1) suicide risk assessment, including
12 screening and referral;
- 13 (2) treatment and management of risk for
14 suicide;
- 15 (3) content specific to veterans;
- 16 (4) content specific to Native Americans;
- 17 (5) content specific to lesbian, gay,
18 bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, queer and questioning
19 individuals and identities; and
- 20 (6) content on the assessment of issues
21 related to imminent harm via lethal means or self-injurious
22 behaviors.

23 B. When adopting rules pursuant to this section,
24 the human services department shall:

- 25 (1) consult with:

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- 1 (a) the affected disciplinary
- 2 authorities;
- 3 (b) public and private institutions of
- 4 higher education;
- 5 (c) educators;
- 6 (d) experts in suicide assessment,
- 7 treatment and management;
- 8 (e) the veterans' affairs department;
- 9 (f) the Native American suicide
- 10 prevention advisory council; and
- 11 (g) affected professional associations;
- 12 and

13 (2) consider standards related to the best
14 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide
15 prevention and the suicide prevention resource center.