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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an office of suicide  
2 prevention within the Iowa department of public health, and  
3 making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.23 OFFICE OF SUICIDE  
2 PREVENTION.

3 1. The department shall establish and administer an office  
4 of suicide prevention. The office shall be headed by an  
5 administrator to be appointed by the director.

6 2. The objective of the office shall be to develop and  
7 implement programs designed to accomplish the following:

8 a. Provide general information, regarding suicide  
9 incidence rates, suicide counseling resources, suicide  
10 prevention strategies, and identification of at-risk  
11 individuals or groups, for dissemination to state and local  
12 hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, resource centers, adult and  
13 youth emergency shelters, and other appropriate distribution  
14 points as determined by the administrator.

15 b. Develop specific suicide prevention presentations and  
16 community outreach programs adapted for targeted populations  
17 including elementary and secondary education students, the  
18 elderly, and chronically or terminally ill or disabled  
19 individuals.

20 c. Evaluate existing programs at the state and local level  
21 devoted to suicide prevention, and formulate recommendations  
22 regarding effective methods of reaching at-risk individuals or  
23 groups, emergency response telephone efficiency, and media and  
24 advertising strategies.

25 3. The administrator of the office shall submit a progress  
26 report to the director and the general assembly by January 15,  
27 annually, detailing up-to-date suicide statistics, groups  
28 identified as most at risk, and suicide prevention program  
29 implementation efforts and success rates.

30 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION -- APPROPRIATION.

31 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
32 the Iowa department of public health for the fiscal year  
33 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the  
34 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 ..... \$ 250,000

2 The amount appropriated pursuant to this section shall be  
3 utilized to establish and staff the office of suicide  
4 prevention within the department, pursuant to section 135.23.  
5 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
6 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close  
7 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
8 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of  
9 the succeeding fiscal year.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides for the establishment of an office of  
12 suicide prevention within the Iowa department of public health  
13 to be headed by an administrator appointed by the director of  
14 public health.

15 The bill provides that the objective of the office shall be  
16 to develop and implement programs designed to accomplish  
17 several goals. They include providing general information  
18 regarding suicide incidence rates, suicide counseling  
19 resources, suicide prevention strategies, and identification  
20 of at-risk individuals or groups for dissemination; developing  
21 specific suicide prevention presentations and community  
22 outreach programs adapted for targeted populations including  
23 elementary and secondary education students, the elderly, and  
24 chronically or terminally ill or disabled individuals; and  
25 evaluating existing programs at the state and local level  
26 devoted to suicide prevention, and formulate recommendations  
27 regarding effective methods of reaching at-risk individuals  
28 or groups, emergency response telephone efficiency, and media  
29 and advertising strategies.

30 The bill provides that the administrator shall submit a  
31 progress report to the director and the general assembly by  
32 January 15, annually, and makes an appropriation for FY 2006-  
33 2007 of \$250,000 for the purpose of establishing and staffing  
34 the office.

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