

SENATE BILL No. 211

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-22

1 AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to youth suicide
2 prevention; appointment of a Kansas youth suicide prevention
3 coordinator; duties.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) The attorney general shall appoint a Kansas youth
7 suicide prevention coordinator and, within the limits of appropriations
8 available therefor, such additional staff as necessary to support the
9 coordinator. The Kansas youth suicide prevention coordinator shall
10 identify, create, coordinate and support youth suicide awareness and
11 prevention efforts throughout the state.

12 (b) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the Kansas youth
13 suicide prevention coordinator may:

14 (1) Lead the development, implementation and marketing of a
15 website, online application and mobile phone application to facilitate
16 communication with youth for the purpose of preventing youth suicide and
17 promoting youth safety and well-being;

18 (2) develop and promote multidisciplinary and interagency strategies
19 to help communities, schools, mental health professionals, medical
20 professionals, law enforcement and others work together and coordinate
21 efforts to prevent and address youth suicide;

22 (3) organize events that bring together youth, educators and
23 community members from across the state to share information and
24 receive training to prevent and address youth suicide in their communities;

25 (4) gather, disseminate and promote information focused on suicide
26 reduction; and

27 (5) perform any other duty assigned by the attorney general to carry
28 out the provisions of this section.

29 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.