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HOUSE BILL No. 2281

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning public health; establishing 988 as the suicide
2 prevention and mental health crisis hotline in Kansas; providing for the
3 Kansas department for aging and disability services to provide
4 oversight and support to hotline centers; prescribing hotline center
5 duties and provision of services; telecommunication providers duties;
6 collection and disbursement of fees for the 988 hotline.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall be
10 known and may be cited as the living, investing in values and ending
11 suicide (LIVES) act.

12 Sec 2. As used in sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto:

13 (a) "Crisis-receiving and stabilization services" means short-term
14 services with capacity for diagnosis, initial management, observation,
15 crisis stabilization and follow-up referral services.

16 (b) "Department" means the Kansas department for aging and
17 disability services.

18 (c) "Exchange telecommunications service" means the same as
19 provided in K.S.A. 12-5363, and amendments thereto.

20 (d) "Hotline" means the 988 suicide prevention and mental health
21 crisis hotline or its successor maintained by the assistant secretary for
22 mental health and substance use under 42 U.S.C. § 290bb-36c.

23 (e) "Hotline center" means a 988 suicide prevention and mental
24 health crisis hotline center, designated by the Kansas department for aging
25 and disability services, participating in the national suicide prevention
26 lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional 988 calls.

27 (f) "Mobile crisis team" means a team of behavioral health
28 professionals and peers that provide professional, community-based, crisis
29 intervention services, including, but not limited to, de-escalation and
30 stabilization for individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health
31 crisis. Such services are separate and distinct from 911 emergency
32 responses of emergency medical services or law enforcement.

33 (g) "NSPL" means the national suicide prevention lifeline, the
34 national network of local, certified crisis centers that provide free and
35 confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional
36 distress 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

1 the preceding month.

2 (d) Moneys credited to the fund shall be used only to:

3 (1) Pay all expenses incurred in the administration of the fund; and

4 (2) provide for the necessary and reasonable costs of implementing

5 and maintaining the hotline that includes:

6 (A) The efficient and effective routing of and response to calls made

7 to the hotline to the centers, including staffing and technological

8 infrastructure enhancements necessary to meet the requirements

9 established in section 2, and amendments thereto;

10 (B) personnel and behavioral health, crisis outreach and stabilization

11 services with emphasis on expanding services to rural areas by directly

12 responding to the hotline;

13 (C) data collection and reporting, evaluations and related quality

14 improvement activities as required by the secretary;

15 (D) a statewide suicide prevention coordinator to be employed by the

16 department; and

17 (E) evidence-based suicide prevention and public promotion of the

18 hotline.

19 (e) All expenditures from the fund shall be made in accordance with

20 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports

21 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or the secretary's

22 designee.

23 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

24 publication in the statute book.

(f) Moneys in the 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in this section and for no other governmental purposes. It is the intent of the legislature that the fund shall remain intact and inviolate for the purposes set forth in this section, and moneys in the fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722, 75-3725a and 75-3726a, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. [See attachment for insert]

Sec. 7. [See attachment for insert]