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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to suicide awareness and prevention.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.1200, to read as follows:

173.1200. 1. Each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement a policy to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs available on and off campus that includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Crisis intervention access, which includes information for national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;

(2) Mental health program access, which provides information on the availability of local mental health clinics, student health services and counseling services;

(3) Multimedia application access, which includes crisis hotline contact information, suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free-of-cost applications;

(4) Student communication plans, which consist of creating outreach plans regarding educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention; and

(5) Post intervention plans, which include creating a strategic plan to communicate effectively with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a student to suicide.

2. Such policy shall also advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or

22 **behavior, and shall provide for training, where appropriate.**

23 **3. Each public institution of higher education shall provide all**
24 **incoming students with information about depression and suicide**
25 **prevention resources available to students. The information provided**
26 **to students shall include available mental health services and other**
27 **support services, including student-run organizations for individuals**
28 **at risk of or affected by suicide.**

29 **4. The information prescribed by subdivisions (1) through (4) of**
30 **subsection 1 of this section shall be posted on the website of each**
31 **institution of higher education in this state.**

32 **5. Any applicable free-of-cost prevention materials or programs**
33 **shall be posted on the websites of the public institutions of higher**
34 **education and the department of higher education.**

35 **6. (1) Each public institution of higher education shall establish**
36 **and maintain methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe,**
37 **potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the**
38 **threat of such activities.**

39 **(2) Such methods shall ensure that the identity of the reporting**
40 **party remains unknown to all persons and entities, including law**
41 **enforcement officers and employees or other persons.**

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