

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 52
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, February 2, 2017, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9, 173, and 191, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to suicide awareness and prevention, with an emergency clause for certain sections.

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

Section A. Chapters 9, 173, and 191, RSMo is amended by adding thereto
2 four new sections, to be known as sections 9.154, 173.1200, 191.594, and 191.596,
3 to read as follows:

**9.154. 1. August 28, 2017, and thereafter the date designated by
2 the show-me compassionate medical education research project
3 committee established in section 191.596, shall be designated as "Show-
4 Me Compassionate Medical Education Day" in Missouri. The citizens of
5 the state of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate
6 activities and events to increase awareness regarding medical
7 education, medical student well-being, and measures that have been
8 shown to be effective, are currently being evaluated for effectiveness,
9 and are being proposed for effectiveness in positively impacting
10 medical student well-being and education.**

**2. The director of the department of mental health shall notify
12 the revisor of statutes of the date selected by the show-me
13 compassionate medical education research project committee for the
14 show-me compassionate medical education day.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **2. Such policy shall also advise students, faculty, and staff,**
20 **including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures for identifying**
21 **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, except when**

42 criminal, civil, or administrative action is initiated regarding unsafe,
43 potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the
44 threat of such activities.

191.594. 1. Sections 191.594 to 191.596 shall be known and may
2 be cited as the "Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Act".

3 2. No medical school in this state shall prohibit, discourage, or
4 otherwise restrict a medical student organization or medical
5 organization from undertaking or conducting a study of the prevalence
6 of depression and suicide or other mental health issues among medical
7 students. No medical school in this state shall penalize, discipline, or
8 otherwise take any adverse action against a student or a medical
9 student organization in connection with such student's or medical
10 student organization's participation in, planning, or conducting a study
11 of the prevalence of depression and suicide or other mental health
12 issues among medical students.

13 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

14 (1) "Medical organization" includes, but is not limited to,
15 organizations such as the Missouri State Medical Association and the
16 Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons;

17 (2) "Medical school", any allopathic or osteopathic school of
18 medicine in this state;

19 (3) "Medical student organization" includes, but is not limited to,
20 organizations such as the American Medical Student Association, the
21 Student Osteopathic Medical Association, and any medical student
22 section of a medical organization.

191.596. 1. Medical schools in this state may, in collaboration
2 with the show-me compassionate medical education research project
3 committee, conduct a single center or multicenter study or studies,
4 which, if conducted, shall be known as the "Show-Me Compassionate
5 Medical Education Research Project", in order to facilitate the
6 collection of data and implement practices and protocols to minimize
7 stress and reduce the risk of depression and suicide for medical
8 students in this state.

9 2. There is hereby established the "Show-Me Compassionate
10 Medical Education Research Project Committee", which shall consist of
11 representatives from each of the medical schools in this state and the
12 director of the department of mental health, or the director's

13 designee. The committee shall:

14 (1) Conduct an initial meeting on August 28, 2017, to organize,
15 and meet as necessary thereafter to implement any research project
16 conducted; and

17 (2) Set the date for the show-me compassionate medical
18 education day designated under section 9.154. The date selected shall
19 be for 2018 and every year thereafter.

20 3. Any single center or multicenter study undertaken by the
21 committee or its member schools may include, but need not be limited
22 to, the following:

23 (1) Development of study protocols designed to identify the root
24 causes that contribute to the risk of depression and suicide for medical
25 students;

26 (2) Examination of the culture and academic program of medical
27 schools that may contribute to the risk of depression and suicide for
28 medical students;

29 (3) Collection of any relevant additional data including, but not
30 limited to, consultation and collaboration with mental health
31 professionals and mental health resources in the communities where
32 medical schools are located;

33 (4) Collaboration between the medical schools in this state in
34 order to share information and to identify and make recommendations
35 under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and

36 (5) Based on the data and findings under subdivisions (1) to (3)
37 of this subsection:

38 (a) Identification of the best practices to be implemented at each
39 medical school designed to address the root causes and changes in
40 medical school culture in order to minimize stress and reduce the risk
41 of depression and suicide for medical students;

42 (b) Recommendation of any statutory or regulatory changes
43 regarding licensure of medical professionals and recommendation of
44 any changes to common practices associated with medical training or
45 medical practice that the committee believes will accomplish the goals
46 set out in this section.

47 4. The committee shall prepare an annual report that shall
48 include any information under subdivision (5) of subsection 3 of this
49 section and any measures reported by any medical school as a result of

50 **the findings under this section. The report shall be made available**
51 **annually on each medical school's website and to the Missouri general**
52 **assembly.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure the well-being
2 of medical students in this state, the enactment of sections 9.154, 191.594, and
3 191.596 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the
6 enactment of sections 9.154, 191.594, and 191.596 of section A of this act shall be
7 in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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