



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5103

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. MICHEL, 146th Dist.

AN ACT REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT IN THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE SUICIDAL OR HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require each hospital and
2 health care facility that provides mental or behavioral health care to (A)
3 provide individual counseling on a daily basis to each patient who is
4 suicidal or has attempted suicide during the time such patient is
5 admitted to or receiving treatment from the hospital or facility, (B) have
6 at least one trained suicide counselor available twenty-four hours a day,
7 seven days a week, (C) require each health care provider who treats a
8 patient who is suicidal or has attempted suicide to obtain a medical
9 history from the patient or the patient's guardian or caregiver, assess the
10 mental and behavioral health of such patient, including, but not limited
11 to, whether the patient is being abused or neglected, receive anti-
12 stigmatization training in the treatment of persons with mental illness,
13 and avoid performing any psychological assessments while a patient is
14 in crisis, (2) prohibit a hospital from discharging a patient who is (A)
15 suicidal or has attempted suicide, and (B) homeless, (3) prohibit a

16 hospital from contacting the police about a patient who is suicidal or has
17 attempted suicide if such patient is not a threat to others, (4) require each
18 suicide and mental health crisis hotline in the state to provide suicide
19 prevention and mental health counseling, (5) require any law
20 enforcement officer who is responding to a call about a person who is
21 suicidal or has attempted suicide to (A) bring a mental health care
22 provider trained in suicide prevention counseling with such officer to
23 assess whether such person should be brought to a psychiatric facility
24 for evaluation, and (B) approach a person who is suicidal or has
25 attempted suicide in a gentle and respectful manner, and (6) prohibit a
26 law enforcement officer from using force or drawing a weapon on a
27 person who is suicidal or has attempted suicide unless such person is a
28 threat to others.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the treatment of persons who are suicidal or have attempted suicide.