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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-50 new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services must implement a statewide program for suicide prevention. Sets forth the duties of the program. Requires the Department, no later than January 1, 2005, to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the status of the program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning suicide prevention.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-50 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-50 new)

7 Sec. 10-50. Suicide prevention program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department must
9 establish and implement a statewide program for suicide
10 prevention, the purpose of which is to:

11 (1) create public awareness for issues relating to
12 suicide prevention;

13 (2) build community networks concerning suicide
14 prevention; and

15 (3) carry out training programs for suicide prevention
16 for law enforcement personnel, providers of health care,
17 school employees, and other persons who have contact with
18 individuals at risk of suicide.

19 (b) The Secretary must employ a coordinator of the program,
20 who must possess a background in the area of suicide
21 prevention. The Department shall establish further
22 qualifications for this position by rule. The coordinator must,
23 without limitation, oversee the program's performance of all of
24 the following duties:

25 (1) Providing educational activities to the general
26 public relating to suicide prevention.

27 (2) Providing training to persons who, as part of their
28 usual routine, have fact-to-face contact with persons who
29 may be at risk of suicide, including training to recognize
30 persons at risk of suicide and providing information on how
31 to refer those persons for treatment or service supports.

32 (3) Developing and carrying out, in each county, public

1 awareness and media campaigns targeting groups of persons
2 who are at risk of suicide.

3 (4) Enhancing crisis services relating to suicide
4 prevention.

5 (5) Linking persons trained in the assessment of and
6 intervention in suicide with schools, public community
7 centers, nursing homes, and other facilities serving
8 persons most at risk of suicide.

9 (6) Coordinating the establishment of local advisory
10 groups in each county to support the efforts of the
11 statewide program.

12 (7) Working with groups advocating suicide prevention,
13 such as community coalitions, managers of existing crisis
14 hotlines that are nationally accredited or certified, and
15 mental health providers to address the barriers
16 interfering with providing services to groups of persons
17 who are at risk of suicide.

18 (8) Developing and maintaining an Internet or network
19 site with links to appropriate resource documents, suicide
20 hotlines that are nationally accredited or certified,
21 licensed professional personnel, state and local mental
22 health agencies, and appropriate national organizations.

23 (9) Reviewing current research on data collection for
24 factors related to suicide and developing recommendations
25 for improved systems of surveillance and uniform
26 collection of data.

27 (10) Developing and submitting proposals for funding
28 from federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

29 (c) No later than January 1, 2005, the Department must
30 submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly
31 concerning the status of the program.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
33 becoming law.