

No. 34. An act relating to evaluation of suicide profiles.

(H.184)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. EVALUATION OF SUICIDE PROFILES

(a) On or before January 15, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services or designee shall present to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on Health Care a summary of the Agency's internal Public Health Suicide Stat process results and any Vermont-specific analyses or reports completed in relation to the Agency's participation in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Violent Death Reporting System as well as national comparative data, including what methods the Agency currently uses or plans to use to:

(1) determine trends and patterns of suicide deaths;

(2) identify and evaluate the prevalence of risk factors for preventable deaths;

(3) evaluate high-risk factors, current practices, gaps in systematic responses, and barriers to safety and well-being for individuals at risk for suicide; and

(4) inform the implementation of suicide prevention activities and supporting the prioritization of suicide prevention resources and activities.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary shall present plans describing how Vermont-specific data relevant to subdivisions (a)(1)–(4) of

this section shall be collected after the National Violent Death Reporting System grant expires. The plan shall be presented to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Health Care, and the Green Mountain Care Board, in its capacity overseeing development and implementation of the All-Payer Model that includes reductions in suicide deaths among Vermont residents as a quality measure.

(c) On or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Health Care, and the Green Mountain Care Board summarizing:

(1) any Vermont-specific information from the Agency's final National Violent Death Reporting System analysis relevant to subdivisions (a)(1)–(4) of this section as well as national comparative data; and

(2) the Agency's recommendations and action plans resulting from its final National Violent Death Reporting System analysis and any additional Agency-led initiatives.

(d) The presentation and report required by subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not contain any personally identifying information.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

Date Governor signed bill: May 17, 2017