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An act relating to public health initiatives to address death by suicide

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 192, in section 8151, by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The Director shall:

(1) expand partnerships, including with service members, veterans, and their families;

(2) implement innovative data-driven initiatives;

(3) coordinate suicide prevention programs across the State; and

(4) work to secure federal funding.

Second: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school protocol, in subdivision (a)(1), after the second sentence, by inserting the following sentence: The plan shall consider emerging research on factors contributing to suicide.

Third: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school protocol, in subdivision (a)(1), in the last sentence, after “schools,” by inserting the phrase afterschool programs,

Fourth: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school protocol, in subsection (b), by inserting a second sentence to read as follows:

The model protocol shall:

1       (1) reflect preliminary data related to grants to expand mental health and  
2 well-being services to youth pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 112,  
3 Sec. 3; and

4       (2) ensure that school employees receive education pertaining to the  
5 prevention of, use of language regarding, and identification of eating disorders  
6 in youth.

7       Fifth: By inserting a new Sec. 3 after Sec. 2 to read as follows:

8       Sec. 3. SUICIDE PREVENTION; HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; MODEL  
9                PROTOCOL

10       On or before July 1, 2024, the Director of Suicide Prevention, in  
11 collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, medical and professional  
12 boards, and stakeholders, shall develop and submit a model protocol to the  
13 House Committee on Health Care and to the Senate Committee on Health and  
14 Welfare for health care facilities regarding suicide prevention and postvention  
15 services. This model protocol shall consider the recommendations of the  
16 report required pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 115, Sec. 13.

17       And by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.