

Suicide Prevention Policy in Utah 2012-2017

- **HB0501 "Youth Suicide Prevention"** - 2012 legislation required licensed school staff to do suicide prevention training. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/static/HB0501.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor-Rep. Eric Hutchings, Co-Sponsor- Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 154 "Suicide Prevention Programs"** -2013 legislation that created and funded two state positions for suicide prevention- one in Dept. Human Services and one in the State Office of Education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/static/HB0154.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 298 "Parent Seminar on Youth Protection"** -2013 legislation requires school districts to hold annual parent seminars on a range of topics, including suicide prevention. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/static/HB0298.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 329 "Programs for Youth Protection"** 2014 legislation requires secondary schools to implement suicide prevention, intervention and postvention strategies and appropriated ongoing funding for school based suicide prevention programs. <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0329.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 134 "Firearm Safety Amendments"** 2014 legislation creates a voluntary firearm safety program for suicide prevention including the creation of a safety brochure and distribution of gun locks. <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0134.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 23 "Suicide Prevention Revisions"** 2014 legislation allows school employees to ask students about suicidal and self-harming behavior for purposes of referring the student to appropriate services and informing parents. <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0023.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*

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- **HB 209 "Suicide Prevention Program Amendments"** 2015 legislation requires an individual to complete a course in suicide prevention in order to obtain or renew a license in a behavioral health profession. <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HBo209.html>
 - Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Justin Fawson
- **SB 175 "School Safety & Crisis Line"** 2015 Legislation creates a student safety and crisis tipline. <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SBo175.html>
 - Status = Passed. Sponsor – Senator Daniel Thatcher, House Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason
- **HB 364 "Suicide Prevention Amendments"** 2015 legislation appropriates ongoing funding for purchase and distribution of gun locks. <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HBo364.html>
 - Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason
- **HB 265 "Mental Health Practitioner Amendments"** 2016 legislation creates three refundable tax credits for psychiatrists and psychiatric APRN's for new and volunteer practitioners and to any practitioner that serves underserved populations (can be tele-psych) including rural areas, veterans, Native Americans, etc. <http://le.utah.gov/~2016/bills/static/HBo265.html>
 - Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason
- **HB 440 "Suicide Prevention & Gun Data Study"** 2016 legislation requires suicide prevention/gun data study. <http://le.utah.gov/~2016/bills/static/HBo440.html>
 - Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Brian King
- **HB 477 "Suicide Prevention Modifications"** 2016 legislation allowing for grants for firearm dealers to educate employees regarding suicide prevention. <http://le.utah.gov/~2016/bills/static/HBo477.html>
 - Status = Did not pass due to timing limitations, it passed the committee and full house on a unanimous basis. Bill will be reintroduced in the 2017 session. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason

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- **HB 346, "Suicide Prevention Programs"** 2017 legislation funds a psychological autopsy examiner; provides grants for peer-to-peer prevention, resiliency, and anti-bullying programs in elementary schools; provides grants for prevention programs that focus on children who have been served by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services; and requires the development of a 10-year statewide suicide prevention plan. <https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0346.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **SB 37, "Statewide Crisis Line"** 2017 legislation creates the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission to integrate existing crisis lines and to study how to develop a statewide crisis line. <https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/SB0037.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Senator Daniel Thatcher, House Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **SB 161, "Bullying and Hazing Amendments"** 2017 legislation requires the State Board of Education to set standards for school board training of school employees regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation; and requires students, parents, and school employees to annually acknowledge that they have received their school board's policies on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation. <https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/SB0161.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Sen. Luz Escamilla, House Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*
- **HB 390, "Suicide Prevention Modifications"** 2017 legislation creates a Suicide Prevention Education Program to fund suicide prevention activities by federally licensed retail firearms dealers that includes information on crisis intervention resources and how to identify persons who may be suicidal. <https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0390.html>
 - *Status = Passed. Sponsor – Rep. Steve Eliason*