

1 SENATE BILL NO. 95

2 INTRODUCED BY M. YAKAWICH

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOCATING MONEY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS
5 FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING PURPOSES FOR USE OF THE MONEY; AND
6 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Allocation. (1) There is allocated \$500,000 \$300,000 from the state
11 special revenue account established in 17-6-603 to the department of public health and human services for the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for grants made pursuant to 53-21-1101 and 53-21-1111 for suicide
13 prevention activities.

14 (2) The allocation must be used to:

15 (a) implement strategies that are developed, with assistance from the U.S. department of veterans
16 affairs and the federal substance abuse and mental health services administration, as part of the ~~mayor's~~
17 ~~challenge or the governor's challenge~~ MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' CAMPAIGN
18 to prevent suicide among service members, veterans, and their families;

19 (b) identify and screen service members, veterans, and their families for suicide risk by:

20 (i) establishing screening standards for the identification of suicide risk among service members,
21 veterans, and their families;

22 (ii) educating providers and peers involved in the intake process; and

23 (iii) establishing a review process for identification of service members, veterans, and their families
24 in mortality and data review;

25 (c) promote connectedness and improve care transitions for service members, veterans, and their
26 families by:

27 (i) increasing peers who are trained in suicide prevention to work in connecting those individuals
28 to services; and

1 (ii) developing collaborative policies and protocols across military and civilian agencies to improve
2 continuity of care; and

3 (d) increase lethal means safety and safety planning by:

4 (i) implementing a safe storage campaign statewide;

5 (ii) conducting statewide lethal means safety training events; and

6 (iii) convening a working group to support adoption of clinical practice guidelines for safety
7 planning.

8 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AS
9 PART OF ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER 2-12-105.

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a
12 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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16 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. TERMINATION. [THIS ACT] TERMINATES JUNE 30, 2027.

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