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SENATE BILL NO. 627

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NASHEED.

Pre-filed December 1, 2015, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 7, 2016, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Reported from the Committee February 4, 2016, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Taken up March 31, 2016. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to suicide awareness and prevention.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 173.1200, to read as follows:

**173.1200. 1. Each public institution of higher education shall
2 develop and implement a policy to advise students and staff on suicide
3 prevention programs available on and off campus that includes, but is
4 not limited to:**

5 **(1) Crisis intervention access, which includes information for
6 national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;**

7 **(2) Mental health program access, which provides information on
8 the availability of local mental health clinics, student health services
9 and counseling services;**

10 **(3) Multimedia application access, which includes crisis hotline
11 contact information, suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free-
12 of-cost applications;**

13 **(4) Student communication plans, which consist of creating
14 outreach plans regarding educational and outreach activities on
15 suicide prevention; and**

16 **(5) Post intervention plans, which include creating a strategic
17 plan to communicate effectively with students, staff, and parents after
18 the loss of a student to suicide.**

19 2. Such policy shall also advise students, faculty, and staff,
20 including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures for identifying
21 and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or
22 behavior, and shall provide for training, where appropriate.

23 3. Each public institution of higher education shall provide all
24 incoming students with information about depression and suicide
25 prevention resources available to students. The information provided
26 to students shall include available mental health services and other
27 support services, including student-run organizations for individuals
28 at risk of or affected by suicide.

29 4. The information prescribed by subdivisions (1) through (4) of
30 subsection 1 of this section shall be posted on the website of each
31 institution of higher education in this state.

32 5. Any applicable free-of-cost prevention materials or programs
33 shall be posted on the websites of the public institutions of higher
34 education and the department of higher education.

35 6. (1) Each public institution of higher education shall establish
36 and maintain methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe,
37 potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the
38 threat of such activities.

39 (2) Such methods shall ensure that the identity of the reporting
40 party remains unknown to all persons and entities, including law
41 enforcement officers and employees or other persons.

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