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HOUSE BILL 19-1120

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows a minor 12 years of age or older to seek and obtain psychotherapy services with or without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. A registered psychotherapist or licensed social worker providing psychotherapy services to a minor may, with the consent of the minor, advise the minor's parent or legal guardian of the psychotherapy services provided.

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 16, 2019

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 12, 2019

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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The bill requires the department of education, in consultation with the office of suicide prevention (office), the youth advisory council, and the suicide prevention commission, to create and maintain a mental health education literacy resource bank. The resource bank is available to the public free of charge.

The bill requires the state board of education to adopt standards related to mental health, including suicide prevention.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds that:

4 (a) The federal centers for disease control and prevention found
5 suicide to be the tenth leading cause of death for all ages in 2017 and is
6 currently the leading cause of death for Colorado youth who are ten
7 through fourteen years of age;

8 (b) According to the Colorado Health Institute, Colorado has the
9 tenth highest suicide rate in the nation, and rates of suicide in the eastern
10 plains of Colorado doubled from 2016 to 2017;

11 (c) According to the national institute of mental health,
12 approximately twenty-one-point-four percent of youth who are eight
13 through fifteen years of age experience a severe mental health disorder;

14 (d) According to the American Association of Suicidology, the
15 suicide rate for youth who are ten through fourteen years of age has
16 increased by more than fifty percent over the past three decades; and

17 (e) Youth who are ten through fourteen years of age often avoid
18 obtaining, or are legally unable to obtain without parental consent,
19 outpatient psychotherapy services that would help them prior to reaching
20 crisis levels because they are embarrassed or concerned about speaking
21 with their parent or legal guardian about their mental health concerns and
22 situations.

16 **12-43-201. Definitions.** As used in this article 43, unless the
17 context otherwise requires:

18 (9) (a) "Psychotherapy", OR "PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES", means
19 the treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, or counseling in a
20 professional relationship to assist individuals or groups to alleviate
21 behavioral and mental health disorders; understand unconscious or
22 conscious motivation; resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal
23 conflicts; or modify behaviors that interfere with effective emotional,
24 social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a planned
25 procedure of intervention that takes place on a regular basis, over a period
26 of time, or in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief psychotherapy,
27 psychotherapy can be a single intervention.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43-202.5 as
2 follows:

3 **12-43-202.5. Minors - consent for outpatient psychotherapy**
4 **services - immunity - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
5 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL"
6 INCLUDES A PROFESSIONAL PERSON AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-65-102
7 (17); A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3,
8 4, 5, 6, OR 8 OF THIS ARTICLE 43; OR A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER LICENSED
9 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

10 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A MENTAL
11 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
12 MAY PROVIDE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
13 12-43-201 (9)(a), TO A MINOR WHO IS TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER,
14 WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL
15 GUARDIAN, IF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT:

16 (a) THE MINOR IS KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY SEEKING SUCH
17 SERVICES; AND
18 (b) THE PROVISION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES IS CLINICALLY
19 INDICATED AND NECESSARY TO THE MINOR'S WELL-BEING.

20 (3) (a) THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MAY NOTIFY THE
21 MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
22 GIVEN OR NEEDED, WITH THE MINOR'S CONSENT, OR, WITH THE CONSENT
23 OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO A COURT HAS ORDERED HOLDS THE MINOR'S
24 THERAPEUTIC PRIVILEGE, UNLESS NOTIFYING THE PARENT OR LEGAL
25 GUARDIAN WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE OR DETRIMENTAL TO THE MINOR'S
26 CARE AND TREATMENT.

27 (b) THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENGAGE THE

1 MINOR IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING AND
2 NOTIFYING THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND SHALL
3 ENCOURAGE SUCH NOTIFICATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE MINOR'S CARE AND
4 TREATMENT.

5 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF
6 THIS SECTION, A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MAY NOTIFY THE MINOR'S
7 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES GIVEN OR
8 NEEDED, WITHOUT THE MINOR'S CONSENT, IF IN THE PROFESSIONAL
9 OPINION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, THE MINOR IS UNABLE TO
10 MANAGE THE MINOR'S CARE OR TREATMENT.

11 (4) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
12 (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL FULLY DOCUMENT WHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH
13 PROFESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT OR NOTIFY THE MINOR'S PARENT OR
14 LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND WHETHER THE ATTEMPT WAS SUCCESSFUL OR
15 UNSUCCESSFUL, OR THE REASON WHY, IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROFESSIONAL'S OPINION, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO CONTACT OR
17 NOTIFY THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. DOCUMENTATION
18 MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE MINOR'S CLINICAL RECORD, ALONG WITH A
19 WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE MINOR INDICATING THAT THE MINOR
20 IS VOLUNTARILY SEEKING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES.

21 (5) PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES MUST BE PROVIDED IN A
22 CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER. WRITTEN AND ORAL INSTRUCTION,
23 TRAINING OF PROVIDERS AND STAFF, AND THE OVERALL PROVISION OF
24 SERVICES MUST BE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND PROVIDED IN A
25 MANNER AND FORMAT TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH
26 PROFICIENCY OR CHALLENGES WITH ACCESSIBILITY RELATED TO A
27 DISABILITY AND WITH RESPECT FOR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING

1 INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT CULTURAL ORIGINS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR TRANSGENDER.

3 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES DO NOT
4 INCLUDE INPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES. PSYCHOTROPIC
5 MEDICATION MAY NOT BE PRESCRIBED TO A MINOR WHO IS FOURTEEN
6 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

7 (7) IF A MINOR WHO IS RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION COMMUNICATES A CLEAR AND IMMINENT
9 INTENT OR THREAT TO INFILCT SERIOUS BODILY HARM ON THEMSELVES OR
10 OTHERS, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
11 (1) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS OF
12 SECTION 13-21-117 (2).

13 (8) IF A MINOR WHO IS RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION COMMUNICATES AN INTENT TO COMMIT
15 SUICIDE, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
16 (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL
17 GUARDIAN OF SUCH SUICIDAL IDEATION.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-127.9 as**
19 follows:

20 **22-2-127.9. Mental health education literacy - resource bank**
21 **- technical assistance.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM
22 THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 25-1.5-101 (1)(w)(I), THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
24 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-1302, AND THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
25 COMMISSION CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-111, SHALL CREATE
26 AND MAINTAIN A RESOURCE BANK OF EVIDENCE-BASED, RESEARCH-BASED,
27 AND PROMISING PROGRAM MATERIALS AND CURRICULA PERTAINING TO

1 MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH MATERIALS AND CURRICULA MAY BE USED IN
2 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE. THE RESOURCE
3 BANK AND CURRICULA MUST BE YOUTH-FRIENDLY, CULTURALLY
4 SENSITIVE, AND AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. IN CREATING
5 THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE
6 INTERNET LINKS TO RESOURCES AND MATERIALS PERTAINING TO MENTAL
7 HEALTH AVAILABLE FROM OTHER ENTITIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT FINDS
8 RELIABLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM
9 PERSONS, INCLUDING YOUTH, WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH PROFESSION, INCLUDING BOTH COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL MENTAL
11 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND MAY
13 CONTRACT FOR:

14 (a) THE ORGANIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESOURCE
15 BANK, INCLUDING MATERIALS ON THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE AND
16 EDUCATION ON MENTAL HEALTH;

17 (b) THE DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CURRICULA FOR
18 SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING SUCH CURRICULA TO SCHOOLS; AND

19 (c) TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL STAFF CONCERNING
20 MENTAL HEALTH.

21 (2) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE
22 MATERIAL IN THE RESOURCE BANK AVAILABLE WITHOUT CHARGE TO
23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS,
24 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS, PARENTS
25 OR GUARDIANS OF YOUTH, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. AT
26 THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, INSTITUTE
27 CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, THE

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOL
2 DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF
3 COOPERATIVE SERVICES IN DESIGNING AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULA
4 PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

5 (3) THE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS
6 MUST BE DEVELOPED AND UPDATED WITH INPUT FROM YOUTH.

7 (4) SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, INSTITUTE CHARTER
8 SCHOOLS, AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES ARE ENCOURAGED TO
9 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESOURCE
10 BANK AND CURRICULA AND TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE
11 RESOURCE BANK OR CURRICULA. THE DEPARTMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO
12 UPDATE THE RESOURCE BANK AND CURRICULA BASED ON
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS,
14 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES,
15 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF YOUTH,
16 STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.

17 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **add (2.3)**
18 as follows:

19 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
20 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions. (2.3)** ON OR
21 BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT STANDARDS THAT
22 IDENTIFY THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT AN ELEMENTARY THROUGH
23 SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT SHOULD ACQUIRE RELATED TO MENTAL
24 HEALTH, INCLUDING SUICIDE PREVENTION. WHEN THE STATE BOARD IS
25 ADOPTING STANDARDS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
26 WHAT LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS ARE CURRENTLY TEACHING WITH
27 REGARD TO MENTAL HEALTH.

1 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as relocated**
2 **by House Bill 19-1172** 12-245-202 (14)(a) as follows:

3 **12-245-202. Definitions.** As used in this article 245, unless the
4 context otherwise requires:

5 (14) (a) "Psychotherapy" OR "PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES" means
6 the treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, or counseling in a
7 professional relationship to assist individuals or groups to alleviate
8 behavioral and mental health disorders, understand unconscious or
9 conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal
10 conflicts, or modify behaviors that interfere with effective emotional,
11 social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a planned
12 procedure of intervention that takes place on a regular basis, over a period
13 of time, or in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief psychotherapy,
14 psychotherapy can be a single intervention.

15 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add to article 245**
16 **as relocated by House Bill 19-1172** 12-245-203.5 as follows:

17 **12-245-203.5. Minors - consent for outpatient psychotherapy**
18 **services - immunity - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
19 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL"
20 INCLUDES A PROFESSIONAL PERSON AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-65-102
21 (17); A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3,
22 4, 5, 6, OR 8 OF THIS ARTICLE 245; OR A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER LICENSED
23 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

24 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A MENTAL
25 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
26 MAY PROVIDE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
27 12-245-202 (14)(a), TO A MINOR WHO IS TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER,

1 WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL
2 GUARDIAN, IF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT:

3 (a) THE MINOR IS KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY SEEKING SUCH
4 SERVICES; AND

5 (b) THE PROVISION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES IS CLINICALLY
6 INDICATED AND NECESSARY TO THE MINOR'S WELL-BEING.

7 (3) (a) THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MAY NOTIFY THE
8 MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
9 GIVEN OR NEEDED, WITH THE MINOR'S CONSENT, UNLESS NOTIFYING THE
10 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE OR DETRIMENTAL
11 TO THE MINOR'S CARE AND TREATMENT.

12 (b) THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENGAGE THE
13 MINOR IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING AND
14 NOTIFYING THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND SHALL
15 ENCOURAGE SUCH NOTIFICATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE MINOR'S CARE AND
16 TREATMENT.

17 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF
18 THIS SECTION, A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MAY NOTIFY THE MINOR'S
19 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES GIVEN OR
20 NEEDED, WITHOUT THE MINOR'S CONSENT, IF IN THE PROFESSIONAL
21 OPINION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, THE MINOR IS UNABLE TO
22 MANAGE THE MINOR'S CARE OR TREATMENT.

23 (4) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
24 (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL FULLY DOCUMENT WHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH
25 PROFESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT OR NOTIFY THE MINOR'S PARENT OR
26 LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND WHETHER THE ATTEMPT WAS SUCCESSFUL OR
27 UNSUCCESSFUL, OR THE REASON WHY, IN THE MENTAL HEALTH

1 PROFESSIONAL'S OPINION, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO CONTACT OR
2 NOTIFY THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. DOCUMENTATION
3 MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE MINOR'S CLINICAL RECORD, ALONG WITH A
4 WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE MINOR INDICATING THAT THE MINOR
5 IS VOLUNTARILY SEEKING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES.

6 (5) PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES MUST BE PROVIDED IN A
7 CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER. WRITTEN AND ORAL INSTRUCTION,
8 TRAINING OF PROVIDERS AND STAFF, AND THE OVERALL PROVISION OF
9 SERVICES MUST BE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND PROVIDED IN A
10 MANNER AND FORMAT TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH
11 PROFICIENCY OR CHALLENGES WITH ACCESSIBILITY RELATED TO A
12 DISABILITY AND WITH RESPECT FOR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING
13 INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT CULTURAL ORIGINS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
14 ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR TRANSGENDER.

15 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES DO NOT
16 INCLUDE INPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES. PSYCHOTROPIC
17 MEDICATION MAY NOT BE PRESCRIBED TO A MINOR WHO IS FOURTEEN
18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

19 (7) IF A MINOR WHO IS RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
20 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION COMMUNICATES A CLEAR AND IMMINENT
21 INTENT OR THREAT TO INFILCT SERIOUS BODILY HARM ON THEMSELVES OR
22 OTHERS, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
23 (1) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS OF
24 SECTION 13-21-117 (2).

25 (8) IF A MINOR WHO IS RECEIVING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES
26 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION COMMUNICATES
27 AN INTENT TO COMMIT SUICIDE, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

1 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE
2 MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF SUCH SUICIDIOLOGY.

3 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,
4 \$116,550 is appropriated to the department of education. This
5 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that
6 the department will require an additional 0.9 FTE. To implement this act,
7 the department may use this appropriation for mental health education
8 resource bank and technical assistance.

9 **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
10 except that sections 6 and 7 of this act take effect only if House Bill
11 19-1172 becomes law, in which case sections 6 and 7 take effect on
12 October 1, 2019.

13 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.