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MEMORANDUM

To: Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Re: Statutory provisions related to youth suicide prevention programs

At a previous meeting, this committee requested information about whether or what statutory provisions establish a youth suicide prevention program for the Attorney General or the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.

The Attorney General is required by K.S.A. 75-772 to appoint a youth suicide prevention coordinator to identify, create, coordinate, and support youth suicide awareness and prevention efforts throughout the state. Under that statute, to address and prevent youth suicide, the coordinator may:

1. Lead the development, implementation, and marketing of a website or online or mobile phone application to facilitate communication with youth.
2. Develop and promote multidisciplinary and interagency strategies.
3. Organize events that bring together youth, educators, and community members to share information and receive training.
4. Gather, disseminate, and promote information.
5. Perform any other duty assigned by the attorney general.

The Office of Revisor of Statutes is not aware of any statutory provisions that specifically direct the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to establish a youth suicide prevention program.