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SYNOPSIS

Requires reporting of certain attempted and completed suicides by minors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/16/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning minors and suicide and supplementing Title 26
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 "Attempted suicide" means destructive behavior intended by the
9 actor to result in the actor's harm or death.

10 "Completed suicide" means a death that is known or reasonably
11 suspected to have resulted from an intentional act of the deceased,
12 regardless of whether it has been ruled a suicide by a medical
13 examiner.

14 "Hospital" means an acute care hospital licensed by the
15 Department of Health pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et
16 al.).

17 "Minor" means an individual who has not attained the age of 18
18 years.

19 b. For the purpose of assembling data regarding suicide in
20 minors, each hospital shall annually report to the New Jersey Poison
21 Control Center of Rutgers, The State University, or to its successor
22 agency, the number of attempted and completed suicides involving
23 minors in which a minor uses a drug to attempt or complete suicide.
24 A hospital shall also report, if available, additional information as
25 may be required by the Department of Health, including but not
26 limited to, the age, ethnicity, gender, and race of the minor as well
27 as the drug used to attempt or complete suicide.

28 c. The New Jersey Poison Control Center shall submit to the
29 Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
30 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), an annual report containing statistics based on
31 data submitted to the center pursuant to this act.

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33 2. Names and individual identification data collected pursuant
34 to the provisions of this act shall not be disclosed unless required by
35 law, and nothing in this act shall be construed to require disclosure
36 of any private or confidential health information in violation of
37 State or federal privacy laws.

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires reporting of certain attempted and completed
45 suicides by minors.

46 Under the bill, for the purpose of assembling data regarding
47 suicide in minors, each hospital is to annually report to the New
48 Jersey Poison Control Center of Rutgers, The State University, or to

1 its successor agency, the number of attempted and completed
2 suicides involving minors in which a minor uses a drug to attempt
3 or complete suicide. A hospital is to also report, if available,
4 additional information as may be required by the Department of
5 Health, including but not limited to, the age, ethnicity, gender, and
6 race of the minor as well as the drug used to attempt or complete
7 suicide. The New Jersey Poison Control Center is to submit to the
8 Governor and to the Legislature an annual report containing
9 statistics based on data submitted to the center pursuant to the bill's
10 provisions.

11 Under the bill, names and individual identification data collected
12 pursuant to the bill's provisions are not to be disclosed unless
13 required by law, and nothing in the bill is to be construed to require
14 disclosure of any private or confidential health information in
15 violation of State or federal privacy laws.