

SENATE BILL NO. 302

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH A UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COMPLETES SUICIDE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Contract for suicide aftercare.** (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, the department of public health and human services shall contract with a unit of the Montana university system to provide information and support services to family members of individuals who complete suicide.

(2) The services must be provided by individuals who are licensed as or in training for licensure as a mental health professional and who are trained in matters related to suicide, risk of suicide, and prevention of suicide. Services must include but are not limited to:

- (a) response by phone or in person to questions or requests for support from family members of individuals who have completed suicide;
- (b) preventive interventions for individuals who have not yet been referred to a community mental health provider; and
- (c) referral to a community mental health provider if appropriate.

(3) If services are provided by an individual who has not obtained licensure in a mental health profession, the individual must be supervised by a licensed mental health professional in the individual's mental health discipline.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2017.

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