

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BIENNIAL SUICIDE REDUCTION PLANS TO INCLUDE  
5 INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND  
6 VETERANS; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-1102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
7 DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 53-21-1102, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"53-21-1102. Suicide reduction plan.** (1) The department of public health and human services shall  
13 produce a biennial suicide reduction plan that must be submitted to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210.

14 (2) The plan must include:

15 (a) an assessment of both risk and protective factors impacting Montana's suicide rate;

16 (b) an assessment of both risk factors and protective factors impacting the suicide rates of active duty  
17 members of the uniformed services and veterans in Montana;

18 ~~(b)(c)~~ specific activities to reduce suicide, including activities directed at active duty members of the  
19 uniformed services and veterans;

20 ~~(e)(d)~~ concrete targets for suicide reduction among various demographic populations, including but  
21 not limited to American Indians, active duty members of the uniformed services and veterans, and youth;

22 ~~(d)(e)~~ measurable outcomes for all activities; and

23 ~~(e)(f)~~ information on all existing state suicide reduction activities for all state agencies, as well as any  
24 known local or tribal suicide reduction activities.

25 (3) Upon the development of a suicide reduction plan draft, the department shall initiate a public  
26 comment period of not less than 21 days during which members of mental health advocacy groups and other  
27 interested parties may submit comments on and suggestions for the plan. The department shall produce a final  
28 plan, which takes public comment into account, no later than 60 days after the close of the comment period.

1 The plan must be published on the department's website and submitted to the appropriate interim committee of  
2 the legislature, the director of the department, and the governor."

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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