

1 AN ACT relating to training programs in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
2 management.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 210.366 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Social Work, Kentucky Board of  
7 Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists, Kentucky Board of Licensed  
8 Professional Counselors, Kentucky Board of Licensure for Pastoral  
9 Counselors, Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Kentucky  
10 Board of Examiners of Psychology, and Kentucky Board of Licensure for  
11 Occupational Therapy; and

12 (b) "Training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management" means  
13 an empirically supported training program approved by the boards that  
14 contains suicide assessment including screening and referral, suicide  
15 treatment, and suicide management. A board may approve a training program  
16 that excludes one (1) of the elements if the element is inappropriate for the  
17 profession in question or inappropriate for the level of licensure or  
18 credentialing of that profession based on the profession's scope of practice. A  
19 training program that includes only screening and referral elements shall be at  
20 least three (3) hours in length. All other training programs approved under this  
21 section shall be at least six (6) hours in length.

22 (2) Beginning January 1, 2015, each of the following professionals certified or licensed  
23 under KRS Title XXVI shall, at least once every six (6) years, complete a training  
24 program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management that is approved, in  
25 administrative regulations, by the respective boards:

26 (a) A social worker, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, or  
27 pastoral counselor certified or licensed under KRS Chapter 335;

- 1 (b) An alcohol and drug counselor licensed or certified under KRS Chapter 309,  
2 and an alcohol and drug peer support specialist registered under KRS Chapter  
3 309;
- 4 (c) A psychologist licensed or certified under KRS Chapter 319; and  
5 (d) An occupational therapist licensed under KRS Chapter 319A.
- 6 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a professional listed in  
7 subsection (2) of this section must complete the first training required by this  
8 section by July 2016.
- 9 (b) A professional listed in subsection (2) of this section applying for initial  
10 licensure, registration, or certification on or after June 25, 2013, may delay  
11 completion of the first training required by this section for six (6) years after  
12 initial licensure, registration, or certification if he or she can demonstrate  
13 successful completion of a six (6) hour academic training program in suicide  
14 assessment, treatment, and management that:
- 15 1. Was completed no more than six (6) years prior to the application for  
16 initial licensure, registration, or certification; and  
17 2. Is listed on the best practices registry of the American Foundation for  
18 Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.
- 19 (4) The hours spent completing a training program in suicide assessment, treatment,  
20 and management under this section count toward meeting any applicable continuing  
21 education requirements for each profession.
- 22 (5) A board may, by administrative regulation, specify minimum training and  
23 experience that is sufficient to exempt a professional from the training requirements  
24 in subsection (2) of this section.
- 25 (6) (a) The cabinet shall develop a model list of training programs in suicide  
26 assessment, treatment, and management.
- 27 (b) When developing the model list, the cabinet shall:

- 1           1. Consider suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
2           programs of at least six (6) hours in length listed on the best practices  
3           registry of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the  
4           Suicide Prevention Resource Center; and
- 5           2. Consult with the boards, public and private institutions of higher  
6           education, experts in suicide assessment, treatment, and management,  
7           and affected professional associations.
- 8           (c) *The cabinet shall ensure the model list of training programs includes*  
9           *programs that pertain to cultural diversity and be specifically noted in the*  
10           *title, description of objectives, or curriculum of the presentation,*  
11           *symposium, workshop, seminar, course, or activity. Cultural diversity*  
12           *includes aspects of identity stemming from age, disability, gender, race or*  
13           *ethnicity, religious or spiritual orientation, sexual orientation,*  
14           *socioeconomic status, and other cultural dimensions. The main topic of the*  
15           *presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, course, or activity does not*  
16           *need to be on cultural diversity, but one (1) of the objectives or descriptions*  
17           *of the topics covered shall clearly indicate attention to cultural diversity.*
- 18           (d) The cabinet shall report the model list of training programs to the Interim  
19           Joint Committee on Health and Welfare no later than December 15, 2014.
- 20           (7) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to expand or limit the scope of practice  
21           of any profession regulated under KRS Title XXVI.
- 22           (8) The cabinet and the boards affected by this section shall adopt any administrative  
23           regulations necessary to implement this section.