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1 AN ACT Relating to suicide prevention; creating new sections; and
2 making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that reported suicide
5 is the second leading cause of death for fifteen to twenty-four year
6 olds. The rate of reported suicide for fifteen to twenty-four year
7 olds has quadrupled from 1950 to 1988. There is a clear need for a
8 youth suicide prevention program in Washington state.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The superintendent of public instruction
10 shall develop a youth suicide prevention program for use in the public
11 schools. The program shall include suicide awareness training for all
12 certificated personnel in the schools and include the awareness
13 training in the basic health curriculum for students. In addition,
14 basic suicide awareness information on warning signs and referral
15 resources shall be distributed to parents.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty thousand dollars, or as
17 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium

1 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of developing a
3 youth suicide prevention program for use in the public schools.

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