

ESHB 1424 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Health Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.70.442 and 2014 c 71 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) Each of the following professionals certified or licensed
6 under Title 18 RCW shall, at least once every six years, complete
7 training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management that is
8 approved, in rule, by the relevant disciplining authority:

9 (i) An adviser or counselor certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

10 (ii) A chemical dependency professional licensed under chapter
11 18.205 RCW;

12 (iii) A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter
13 18.225 RCW;

14 (iv) A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW;

15 (v) An occupational therapy practitioner licensed under chapter
16 18.59 RCW;

17 (vi) A psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW;

18 (vii) An advanced social worker or independent clinical social
19 worker licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW; and

20 (viii) A social worker associate—advanced or social worker
21 associate—independent clinical licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW.

22 (b) The requirements in (a) of this subsection apply to a person
23 holding a retired active license for one of the professions in (a) of
24 this subsection.

25 (c) The training required by this subsection must be at least six
26 hours in length, unless a disciplining authority has determined,
27 under subsection (9)(b) of this section, that training that includes
28 only screening and referral elements is appropriate for the
29 profession in question, in which case the training must be at least
30 three hours in length.

31 (d) Beginning July 1, 2017, the training required by this
32 subsection must be on the model list developed under subsection (6)

1 of this section. Nothing in this subsection (1)(d) affects the
2 validity of training completed prior to July 1, 2017.

3 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a
4 professional listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section must
5 complete the first training required by this section (~~during~~) by
6 the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after
7 January 1, 2014, or during the first full continuing education
8 reporting period after initial licensure or certification, whichever
9 occurs later.

10 (b) A professional listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section
11 applying for initial licensure may delay completion of the first
12 training required by this section for six years after initial
13 licensure if he or she can demonstrate successful completion of the
14 training required in subsection (1) of this section no more than six
15 years prior to the application for initial licensure.

16 (3) The hours spent completing training in suicide assessment,
17 treatment, and management under this section count toward meeting any
18 applicable continuing education or continuing competency requirements
19 for each profession.

20 (4)(a) A disciplining authority may, by rule, specify minimum
21 training and experience that is sufficient to exempt ((a)) an
22 individual professional from the training requirements in subsections
23 (1) and (5) of this section. Nothing in this subsection (4)(a) allows
24 a disciplining authority to provide blanket exemptions to broad
25 categories or specialties within a profession.

26 (b) A disciplining authority may exempt a professional from the
27 training requirements of subsections (1) and (5) of this section if
28 the professional has only brief or limited patient contact.

29 (5)(a) Beginning January 1, 2016, each of the following
30 professionals credentialed under Title 18 RCW shall complete a one-
31 time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management that
32 is approved by the relevant disciplining authority:

33 (i) A chiropractor licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW;

34 (ii) A naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;

35 (iii) A licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced
36 registered nurse practitioner, other than a certified registered
37 nurse anesthetist, licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW;

38 (iv) An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under chapter
39 18.57 RCW, other than a holder of a postgraduate osteopathic medicine
40 and surgery license issued under RCW 18.57.035;

1 (v) An osteopathic physician assistant licensed under chapter
2 18.57A RCW;

3 (vi) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
4 licensed under chapter 18.74 RCW;

5 (vii) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, other than a
6 resident holding a limited license issued under RCW 18.71.095(3);

7 (viii) A physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW;
8 and

9 (ix) A person holding a retired active license for one of the
10 professions listed in (a)(i) through (viii) of this subsection.

11 (b) A professional listed in (a) of this subsection must complete
12 the one-time training (~~during~~) by the end of the first full
13 continuing education reporting period after ((June 12, 2014)) January
14 1, 2016, or during the first full continuing education reporting
15 period after initial licensure, whichever is later. Training
16 completed between June 12, 2014, and January 1, 2016, that meets the
17 requirements of this section, other than the timing requirements of
18 this subsection (5)(b), must be accepted by the disciplining
19 authority as meeting the one-time training requirement of this
20 subsection (5).

21 (c) The training required by this subsection must be at least six
22 hours in length, unless a disciplining authority has determined,
23 under subsection (9)(b) of this section, that training that includes
24 only screening and referral elements is appropriate for the
25 profession in question, in which case the training must be at least
26 three hours in length.

27 (d) Beginning July 1, 2017, the training required by this
28 subsection must be on the model list developed under subsection (6)
29 of this section. Nothing in this subsection (5)(d) affects the
30 validity of training completed prior to July 1, 2017.

31 (6)(a) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall work
32 collaboratively to develop a model list of training programs in
33 suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

34 (b) (~~When developing the model list, the secretary and the~~
35 ~~disciplining authorities shall:~~

36 ~~(i) Consider suicide assessment, treatment, and management~~
37 ~~training programs of at least six hours in length listed on the best~~
38 ~~practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention~~
39 ~~and the suicide prevention resource center; and~~

1 ~~(ii) Consult with public and private institutions of higher~~
2 ~~education, experts in suicide assessment, treatment, and management,~~
3 ~~and affected professional associations.~~

4 ~~(c) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall report~~
5 ~~the model list of training programs to the appropriate committees of~~
6 ~~the legislature no later than December 15, 2013.~~

7 ~~(d)) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall update~~
8 ~~the list at least once every two years. ((When updating the list, the~~
9 ~~secretary and the disciplining authorities shall, to the extent~~
10 ~~practicable, endeavor to include training on the model list that~~
11 ~~includes content specific to veterans. When identifying veteran-~~
12 ~~specific content under this subsection, the secretary and the~~
13 ~~disciplining authorities shall consult with the Washington department~~
14 ~~of veterans affairs.))~~

15 (c) By June 30, 2016, the department shall adopt rules
16 establishing minimum standards for the training programs included on
17 the model list. The minimum standards must require that six-hour
18 trainings include content specific to veterans and the assessment of
19 issues related to imminent harm via lethal means or self-injurious
20 behaviors. When adopting the rules required under this subsection
21 (6)(c), the department shall:

22 (i) Consult with the affected disciplining authorities, public
23 and private institutions of higher education, educators, experts in
24 suicide assessment, treatment, and management, the Washington
25 department of veterans affairs, and affected professional
26 associations; and

27 (ii) Consider standards related to the best practices registry of
28 the American foundation for suicide prevention and the suicide
29 prevention resource center.

30 (d) Beginning January 1, 2017:

31 (i) The model list must include only trainings that meet the
32 minimum standards established in the rules adopted under (c) of this
33 subsection and any three-hour trainings that met the requirements of
34 this section on or before the effective date of this section;

35 (ii) The model list must include six-hour trainings in suicide
36 assessment, treatment, and management, and three-hour trainings that
37 include only screening and referral elements; and

38 (iii) A person or entity providing the training required in this
39 section may petition the department for inclusion on the model list.
40 The department shall add the training to the list only if the

1 department determines that the training meets the minimum standards
2 established in the rules adopted under (c) of this subsection.

3 (7) The department shall provide the health profession training
4 standards created in this section to the professional education
5 standards board as a model in meeting the requirements of RCW
6 28A.410.226 and provide technical assistance, as requested, in the
7 review and evaluation of educator training programs. The educator
8 training programs approved by the professional educator standards
9 board may be included in the department's model list.

10 (8) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to expand or limit
11 the scope of practice of any profession regulated under chapter
12 18.130 RCW.

13 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The secretary and the disciplining authorities
14 affected by this section shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
15 this section.

16 ~~((+9))~~ (10) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Disciplining authority" has the same meaning as in RCW
18 18.130.020.

19 (b) "Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management"
20 means empirically supported training approved by the appropriate
21 disciplining authority that contains the following elements: Suicide
22 assessment, including screening and referral, suicide treatment, and
23 suicide management. However, the disciplining authority may approve
24 training that includes only screening and referral elements if
25 appropriate for the profession in question based on the profession's
26 scope of practice. The board of occupational therapy may also approve
27 training that includes only screening and referral elements if
28 appropriate for occupational therapy practitioners based on practice
29 setting.

30 ~~((+10))~~ (11) A state or local government employee is exempt from
31 the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at
32 least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and
33 management from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of
34 this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block
35 or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's
36 discretion.

37 ~~((+11))~~ (12) An employee of a community mental health agency
38 licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW or a chemical dependency program
39 certified under chapter 70.96A RCW is exempt from the requirements of
40 this section if he or she receives a total of at least six hours of

1 training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from his or
2 her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the
3 training may be provided in one six-hour block or may be spread among
4 shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "prevention;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 43.70.442."

EFFECT: Remove the requirements that DOH consult with the professional educator standards board in adopting rules, and that the model list must include trainings that meet requirements set up by the professional educator standards board. Adds a new section requiring DOH to provide the health profession training standards that it adopts as a model for professional educator training standards.

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