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1 The Committee on Future of Florida's Families recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to suicide prevention; amending and
8 renumbering s. 397.332, F.S.; creating the Suicide
9 Prevention Coordinating Program in the Office of Drug
10 Control; providing a purpose; providing duties and
11 responsibilities; creating the Suicide Prevention
12 Coordinating Council; providing a purpose; providing
13 duties; requiring the council to establish an interagency
14 workgroup; requiring quarterly meetings of the council;
15 providing for other committees as needed; providing
16 membership criteria; requiring public organizations to
17 participate and cooperate with the council; providing that
18 members of the council are not compensated; providing for
19 per diem and travel reimbursement of state employees;
20 authorizing the council to seek outside funding; amending
21 ss. 943.031 and 943.042, F.S.; correcting cross
22 references; providing an appropriation; providing an
23 effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 397.332, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 14.2017, Florida Statutes, and subsections (4), (5), and (6) are added to said section to read:

14.2017 ~~397.332~~ Office of Drug Control.--

(4) The Suicide Prevention Coordinating Program is created within the Office of Drug Control.

(a) Within available resources, the office shall coordinate a statewide program of suicide prevention activities to increase public awareness of issues related to suicide prevention.

(b) The office shall:

1. Provide staff support to an interagency workgroup to incorporate agency programs into a statewide suicide prevention plan.

2. Conduct a best practices review of local, state, and national innovative suicide prevention programs.

3. Identify information regarding crisis services relating to suicide prevention.

4. Develop and maintain an Internet or network site with links to appropriate resource documents, suicide hotlines, state and local mental health agencies, and appropriate national organizations.

5. Develop public awareness and media campaigns in each county targeting groups of persons who are at risk of suicide.

51 6. Coordinate educational activities for the general
52 public relating to suicide prevention.

53 7. Work with school districts to develop a suicide
54 prevention training and counseling program in schools and
55 develop an evaluation of the program.

56 8. Work with representatives of organizations, including,
57 but not limited to, providers of health care, mental health
58 agencies, social service agencies, faith-based organizations,
59 public health clinics, organizations that represent the elderly,
60 and community organizations to coordinate education and training
61 relating to suicide prevention.

62 9. Coordinate with persons who provide education and
63 training for persons who, as part of their usual routine, have
64 face to face contact with persons who may be at risk of suicide,
65 including, but not limited to, law enforcement, health care
66 providers, school personnel, and mental health professionals,
67 training them to recognize persons at risk of suicide and
68 providing information on how to refer those persons for
69 treatment or supporting services, as appropriate.

70 10. Develop proposals for funding from the Federal
71 Government and nongovernmental organizations.

72 11. Submit recommendations regarding suicide prevention to
73 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
74 the House of Representatives, in the form of an annual report,
75 no later than January 1, 2005, and January 1 each year
76 thereafter. The report must address the status of initiatives
77 identified in the statewide plan for suicide prevention.

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78 (c) Contingent upon an appropriation, the director may
79 employ a coordinator to administer the program.

80 (5) The office shall be guided by a Suicide Prevention
81 Coordinating Council. The council shall:

82 (a) Develop a statewide plan for suicide prevention
83 recognizing suicide as a preventable problem. The plan must
84 address the following:

85 1. Concerns regarding specific populations who are at risk
86 for suicide.

87 2. A strategy to align and provide direction for statewide
88 suicide prevention initiatives.

89 3. A strategy to establish partnerships with state and
90 private agencies.

91 4. A strategy to promote public awareness of suicide
92 prevention.

93 5. A strategy to improve access to help for persons in
94 acute situations.

95 6. A strategy to identify the resources to support the
96 implementation of the plan.

97 (b) Establish an interagency workgroup that is a subset of
98 the council to incorporate agency suicide prevention plans into
99 the statewide plan. The interagency workgroup shall include, but
100 is not limited to, representatives from the Department of
101 Elderly Affairs, the Department of Health, the Department of
102 Education, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the
103 Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Children
104 and Family Services.

105 (c) Meet as least quarterly and at other times upon the
 106 call of the chair. The council meetings may be held by
 107 teleconference or other electronic means.

108 (d) Assemble committees with membership outside the
 109 council on an as-needed basis in order to obtain advice and
 110 assistance in carrying out its duties.

111 (e) Consist of at least 7 members and no more than 20
 112 members.

113 1. Members shall be appointed who represent the following
 114 entities: the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 115 Corporation, Inc., identified in s. 394.655, the Florida
 116 Association of School Psychologists, the Florida Sheriff's
 117 Association, the Suicide Prevention Action Network USA, the
 118 Florida Initiative of Suicide Prevention, the Alzheimer's
 119 Association, the Department of Education, the Agency for Health
 120 Care Administration, the Department of Health, the Department of
 121 Elderly Affairs, the Department Children and Family Services,
 122 the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of
 123 Corrections, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a
 124 representative from the Governor's Mentoring Initiative.

125 2. The secretaries of each state agency may appoint one
 126 additional member who has expertise critical to the issue of
 127 suicide prevention or who represent organizations that are not
 128 already represented.

129 3. Members of the council shall be appointed by the
 130 organizations identified for membership unless otherwise
 131 specified.

132 4. The director of the Office of Drug Control shall serve
 133 as chair of the council.

134 5. Membership on the council is voluntary and members
 135 shall serve without compensation. Any member of the council who
 136 is a public employee is entitled to reimbursement for per diem
 137 and travel expenses, as provided in s. 112.061, by his or her
 138 employer. For other members, the cost of participation must be
 139 borne by the organization that appointed the member.

140 (f) Seek and accept grants or funds from any source,
 141 federal, state, or local, to defray the expenses incurred in its
 142 operation and implementation of this section.

143 (6) Public organizations shall participate and cooperate
 144 with the council.

145 Section 2. Section 397.333, Florida Statutes, is
 146 renumbered as section 14.2018, Florida Statutes.

147 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 148 943.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

149 (4) DUTIES OF COUNCIL.--The council shall provide advice
 150 and make recommendations, as necessary, to the executive
 151 director of the department.

152 (a) The council may advise the executive director on the
 153 feasibility of undertaking initiatives which include, but are
 154 not limited to, the following:

155 1. Establishing a program which provides grants to
 156 criminal justice agencies that develop and implement effective
 157 violent crime prevention and investigative programs and which
 158 provides grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
 159 drug control and illicit money laundering investigative efforts

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160 or task force efforts that are determined by the council to
 161 significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of
 162 reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Office of Drug
 163 Control, that represent a significant illicit money laundering
 164 investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support
 165 statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy
 166 Advisory Council established under s. 14.2018 ~~397.333~~, subject
 167 to the limitations provided in this section. The grant program
 168 may include an innovations grant program to provide startup
 169 funding for new initiatives by local and state law enforcement
 170 agencies to combat violent crime or to implement drug control or
 171 illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force
 172 efforts by law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited
 173 to, initiatives such as:

- 174 a. Providing enhanced community-oriented policing.
- 175 b. Providing additional undercover officers and other
 176 investigative officers to assist with violent crime
 177 investigations in emergency situations.
- 178 c. Providing funding for multiagency or statewide drug
 179 control or illicit money laundering investigative efforts or
 180 task force efforts that cannot be reasonably funded completely
 181 by alternative sources and that significantly contribute to
 182 achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime as
 183 articulated by the Office of Drug Control, that represent a
 184 significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or
 185 that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies
 186 developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council
 187 established under s. 14.2018 ~~397.333~~.

- 188 2. Expanding the use of automated fingerprint
189 identification systems at the state and local level.
- 190 3. Identifying methods to prevent violent crime.
- 191 4. Identifying methods to enhance multiagency or statewide
192 drug control or illicit money laundering investigative efforts
193 or task force efforts that significantly contribute to achieving
194 the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated
195 by the Office of Drug Control, that represent a significant
196 illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise
197 significantly support statewide strategies developed by the
198 Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s.
199 14.2018 397.333.
- 200 5. Enhancing criminal justice training programs which
201 address violent crime, drug control, or illicit money laundering
202 investigative techniques or efforts.
- 203 6. Developing and promoting crime prevention services and
204 educational programs that serve the public, including, but not
205 limited to:
- 206 a. Enhanced victim and witness counseling services that
207 also provide crisis intervention, information referral,
208 transportation, and emergency financial assistance.
- 209 b. A well-publicized rewards program for the apprehension
210 and conviction of criminals who perpetrate violent crimes.
- 211 7. Enhancing information sharing and assistance in the
212 criminal justice community by expanding the use of community
213 partnerships and community policing programs. Such expansion may
214 include the use of civilian employees or volunteers to relieve
215 law enforcement officers of clerical work in order to enable the

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216 officers to concentrate on street visibility within the
217 community.

218 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
219 943.042, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220 (1) There is created a Violent Crime Investigative
221 Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account
222 within the Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust Fund.
223 The account shall be used to provide emergency supplemental
224 funds to:

225 (a) State and local law enforcement agencies which are
226 involved in complex and lengthy violent crime investigations, or
227 matching funding to multiagency or statewide drug control or
228 illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force
229 efforts that significantly contribute to achieving the state's
230 goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Office
231 of Drug Control, that represent a significant illicit money
232 laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly
233 support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug
234 Policy Advisory Council established under s. ~~14.2018 397.333~~;

235 Section 5. For the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the sum of
236 \$100,000 in recurring general revenue is appropriated to, and
237 one full-time-equivalent position is authorized for, the Office
238 of Drug Control for the purpose of paying salaries and other
239 administrative expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of
240 this act.

241 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.