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(a) The Department shall:

(1) As to each program receiving State funding:

(i) Monitor its operations; and

(ii) Evaluate annually its effectiveness.

(2) Review and either approve or disapprove the application for State funding of a proposal program.

(b) (1) The funding of an eligible program shall be a shared responsibility of this State and local education agencies.

(2) Each eligible program shall submit to the Department a proposed annual budget for review and approval, at the times that the Department specifies.

(3) The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible programs and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.

(4) The Department shall seek federal funds for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs under the Garret Lee Smith Memorial Act.

(c) The State funds designated for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs may be included in the budgets of:

(1) The Department; and

(2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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