

HOUSE BILL 1273

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Employees – Suicide Awareness and Prevention**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that each State employee shall have the opportunity
5 to attend a certain suicide awareness and prevention program selected by the
6 head of each principal unit; requiring the suicide awareness and prevention
7 program to include certain topics; requiring the suicide awareness and
8 prevention program to be provided to each State employee each year in a certain
9 manner; and generally relating to State employees and a suicide awareness and
10 prevention program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
13 Section 2–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Suicide Awareness and
14 Prevention Program”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

20 **SUBTITLE 8. SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

21 **2–801.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) EACH STATE EMPLOYEE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO**
2 **ATTEND A SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SELECTED BY THE**
3 **HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT.**

4 **(B) THE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL**
5 **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

6 **(1) THE WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE;**

7 **(2) METHODS TO RESPOND TO THREATS OF SUICIDE;**

8 **(3) GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP**
9 **INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION AND OTHER RELATED MENTAL**
10 **HEALTH CONDITIONS; AND**

11 **(4) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND APPROPRIATE USES OF THE**
12 **MARYLAND CRISIS HOTLINE.**

13 **(C) THE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL BE**
14 **PROVIDED TO EACH STATE EMPLOYEE EACH YEAR IN A MANNER DETERMINED**
15 **BY THE HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2010.