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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR NEVERS

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the management boards of Louisiana's public colleges and universities consider including in certain schools disciplines and degree programs, suicide assessment, and prevention training that meet the Suicide Prevention Resource Center best practices standards.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
3	and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
4	Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of
5	Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
6	Colleges consider incorporating and including, where possible, in their schools
7	disciplines and degree programs, particularly in those programs related to physical
8	and behavioral health, education and criminal justice, suicide assessment,
9	intervention, treatment, and management training that meets the Suicide Prevention
10	Resource Center best practices standards.
11	WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States of
12	America; and
13	WHEREAS, suicide kills more people in this country each year than car accidents;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, in 2012, twelve out of every one hundred thousand people in Louisiana
16	committed suicide; and
17	WHEREAS, early detection and competent care in the treatment of suicidal thoughts
18	can save lives; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2005, a study conducted in the state of Georgia demonstrated that a 2 group of mental health professionals without best practices suicide prevention training 3 demonstrated a nine-percent group average competency rate in suicide assessment and 4 intervention, and, after only a minimal number of hours of such empirically supported 5 training, the group's average competency rate in suicide assessment and intervention rose to 6 eighty-nine percent; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals is currently making
available to many state agency personnel best practices, empirically supported training in
suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management; and

WHEREAS, many evidence-based, successful suicide prevention training programs
 are available online and otherwise at minimal cost through organizations such as the
 nationally recognized Suicide Prevention Resource Center and the American Foundation for
 Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, not only Louisiana's medical professionals, but also other professions
 such as educators and law enforcement and other citizen groups, such as students, could
 benefit from such suicide assessment, intervention, treatment and management training.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 17 18 urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural 19 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural 20 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, 21 and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges consider incorporating and including, where possible, in their schools disciplines and degree programs, particularly 22 23 in those programs related to physical and behavioral health, education and criminal justice, 24 suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training that meets the Suicide 25 Prevention Resource Center best practices standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Nevers

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

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