

Chapter 77

2026 Regular Session

Subject Suicide prevention on bridges

Bill S.F. 2971

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Overview

This act establishes requirements related to suicide prevention on bridges.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	[Adds § 165.16] Suicide prevention.
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Sets requirements related to suicide prevention on bridges. Effective May 8, 2026.

Subd. 1. Data collection. Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to collect and maintain data on suicide-related deaths on bridges.

Subd. 2. Best practices. Directs MnDOT, with the Department of Health, to develop best practices, measures, and design criteria for suicide prevention in bridge projects.

Subd. 3. Railing implementation. Requires suicide reduction railings when appropriate, on both trunk highway and local bridge projects that involve railings.

Subd. 4. Short title. Names this state statute the “Kayla’s HOPE Act.”