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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires the Board of Teaching, the Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training, and the commissioner of health to provide suicide prevention training and techniques to de-escalate mental health crises. It appropriates funds to the commissioner of health for grants to agencies to provide this training and for a grant for development of a text message suicide prevention program.

#### Section

- 1 License and rules.** (n) Directs the Board of Teaching to adopt rules on further preparation for teachers renewing their license that may include best practices for suicide prevention training.
- 2 Community-based programs.** Instructs the commissioner of health to award grants to community-based programs that provide training on suicide prevention and intervention to school staff, first responders, and others. In addition, the commissioner is instructed to provide grants for training mental health professionals so that they can provide assistance to communities after a suicide.
- 3 Collection and reporting suicide data.** Directs the commissioner of health to develop a plan to improve suicide reporting data and to implement the Minnesota Violent Death Reporting System. Requires the commissioner to submit the plan to the legislature by February 1, 2016.

**Section**

- 4**        **Deadly force and firearms use; continuing instruction.** Requires peace officers, as part of their initial and annual training in deadly force and firearms use, to receive instruction in de-escalation techniques in mental health crises and in suicide prevention.
- 5**        **Training course.** Requires the Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training to include techniques for de-escalation in mental health crises and suicide prevention in the community policing curriculum.
- 6**        **Appropriations; commissioner of health.** Paragraph (a) appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner to provide grants to community-based programs providing suicide prevention training to school staff, first responders, and others.  
Paragraph (b) appropriates \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016 and in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner to provide grants for training mental health professionals so that they can provide intervention and services to communities after a suicide.
- 7**        **Appropriations; text message suicide prevention.** Appropriates \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner of health for a grant to a nonprofit to develop and implement a statewide text message suicide prevention program.
- 8**        **Appropriations: mental health first aid training.** Appropriates \$22,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$23,000 in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner of health to provide mental health first aid training to professionals who come in contact with children and adolescents with mental illness.