

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3980** by Hunter (Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in conjunction with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), to prepare a summary report on the prevalence of suicide in the state and state policies and programs across state systems and agencies to prevent suicide. The report would be due not later than December 1, 2019 to the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (council), Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over health and mental health.

The council would use the summary report and stakeholder input to prepare a legislative report on suicide that identifies opportunities and makes recommendations for state agencies to improve suicide-related data collection, use data to guide and inform suicide prevention policy, and decrease suicide in the state while targeting the highest categories of risk. The council's legislative report would be due not later than September 1, 2020.

HHSC and DSHS indicate that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**        529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services,  
Department of

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