

**Senate 0210: Relating to Suicide Prevention Statewide Office**  
**General Bill/cs/cs by Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Children and Families; Lynn; (CO-SPONSORS) Fasano (Similar H 0447)**

Suicide Prevention Statewide Office; creates Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention in Drug Control Office; creates position of statewide coordinator for statewide office, contingent upon specific appropriation; creates Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council within Drug Control Office; creates interagency workgroup for state agencies within coordinating council in order to coordinate state agency plans for suicide prevention, etc. Creates 397.3335,. 3336. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2005.

**House 0447: Relating to Suicide Prevention Statewide Office**  
**H447 General Bill by H. Gibson; (Co-Sponsors) Berfield (Similar cs/cs/s 0210)**

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This bill creates the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention in the Office of Drug Control, within the Executive Office of the Governor.

- Creates position of statewide coordinator for statewide office, contingent upon specific appropriation
- Implementing the statewide plan prepared by the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council
- Developing a network of community-based programs to improve suicide prevention initiatives
- Increasing public awareness concerning topics relating to suicide prevention
- Coordinating education and training curricula in suicide prevention efforts.

**Suicide takes a tremendous toll on our Florida families and communities. In 2003, suicide claimed the lives of 2,294 Floridians, an average of 44 suicide deaths a week.**

**On behalf of the over 2,000 Florida families that lose a loved one to suicide each year, we ask that you support suicide prevention efforts to help reduce the incidence of suicide in our state by becoming a co-sponsor today.**