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A BILL

To amend section 340.03 and to enact sections 1
5119.80, 5119.801, 5119.803, 5119.807, 5119.809, 2
and 5119.8011 of the Revised Code to establish a 3
9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health 4
crisis telephone line. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 340.03 be amended and sections 6
5119.80, 5119.801, 5119.803, 5119.807, 5119.809, and 5119.8011 7
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 340.03. (A) Subject to rules issued by the director 9
of mental health and addiction services after consultation with 10
relevant constituencies as required by division (A) (10) of 11
section 5119.21 of the Revised Code, each board of alcohol, drug 12
addiction, and mental health services shall: 13

(1) Serve as the community addiction and mental health 14
planning agency for the county or counties under its 15
jurisdiction, and in so doing it shall: 16

(a) Evaluate the need for facility services, addiction 17

services, mental health services, and recovery supports; 18

(b) In cooperation with other local and regional planning 19
and funding bodies and with relevant ethnic organizations, 20
evaluate strengths and challenges and set priorities for 21
addiction services, mental health services, and recovery 22
supports. A board shall include treatment and prevention 23
services when setting priorities for addiction services and 24
mental health services. When a board sets priorities for 25
addiction services, the board shall consult with the county 26
commissioners of the counties in the board's service district 27
regarding the services described in section 340.15 of the 28
Revised Code and shall give priority to those services, except 29
that those services shall not have a priority over services 30
provided to pregnant women under programs developed in relation 31
to the mandate established in section 5119.17 of the Revised 32
Code. 33

(c) In accordance with guidelines issued by the director 34
of mental health and addiction services under division (F) of 35
section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, annually develop and submit 36
to the department of mental health and addiction services a 37
community addiction and mental health plan that addresses both 38
of the following: 39

(i) The needs of all residents of the district currently 40
receiving inpatient services in state-operated hospitals, the 41
needs of other populations as required by state or federal law 42
or programs, and the needs of all children subject to a 43
determination made pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised 44
Code; 45

(ii) The department's priorities for facility services, 46
addiction services, mental health services, and recovery 47

supports during the period for which the plan will be in effect. 48
The department shall inform all of the boards of the 49
department's priorities in a timely manner that enables the 50
boards to know the department's priorities before the boards 51
develop and submit the plans. 52

In alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service 53
districts that have separate alcohol and drug addiction services 54
and community mental health boards, the alcohol and drug 55
addiction services board shall submit a community addiction plan 56
and the community mental health board shall submit a community 57
mental health plan. Each board shall consult with its 58
counterpart in developing its plan and address the interaction 59
between the local addiction and mental health systems and 60
populations with regard to needs and priorities in developing 61
its plan. 62

The department shall approve or disapprove the plan, in 63
whole or in part, in accordance with division (G) of section 64
5119.22 of the Revised Code. Eligibility for state and federal 65
funding shall be contingent upon an approved plan or relevant 66
part of a plan. 67

If a board determines that it is necessary to amend an 68
approved plan, the board shall submit a proposed amendment to 69
the director. The director shall approve or disapprove all or 70
part of the amendment in accordance with division (H) of section 71
5119.22 of the Revised Code. 72

The board shall operate in accordance with the plan 73
approved by the department. 74

(d) Promote, arrange, and implement working agreements 75
with social agencies, both public and private, and with judicial 76

agencies. 77

(2) Investigate, or request another agency to investigate, 78
any complaint alleging abuse or neglect of any person receiving 79
addiction services, mental health services, or recovery supports 80
from a community addiction services provider or community mental 81
health services provider or alleging abuse or neglect of a 82
resident receiving addiction services or with mental illness or 83
severe mental disability residing in a residential facility 84
licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code. If the 85
investigation substantiates the charge of abuse or neglect, the 86
board shall take whatever action it determines is necessary to 87
correct the situation, including notification of the appropriate 88
authorities. Upon request, the board shall provide information 89
about such investigations to the department. 90

(3) For the purpose of section 5119.36 of the Revised 91
Code, cooperate with the director of mental health and addiction 92
services in visiting and evaluating whether the certifiable 93
services and supports of a community addiction services provider 94
or community mental health services provider satisfy the 95
certification standards established by rules adopted under that 96
section; 97

(4) In accordance with criteria established under division 98
(D) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, conduct program 99
audits that review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and 100
efficiency of addiction services, mental health services, and 101
recovery supports provided by community addiction services 102
providers and community mental health services providers under 103
contract with the board and submit the board's findings and 104
recommendations to the department of mental health and addiction 105
services; 106

(5) In accordance with section 5119.34 of the Revised Code, review an application for a residential facility license and provide to the department of mental health and addiction services any information about the applicant or facility that the board would like the department to consider in reviewing the application;

(6) Audit, in accordance with rules adopted by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, at least annually all programs, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided under contract with the board. In so doing, the board may contract for or employ the services of private auditors. A copy of the fiscal audit report shall be provided to the director of mental health and addiction services, the auditor of state, and the county auditor of each county in the board's district.

(7) Recruit and promote local financial support for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports from private and public sources;

(8) In accordance with guidelines issued by the department as necessary to comply with state and federal laws pertaining to financial assistance, approve fee schedules and related charges or adopt a unit cost schedule or other methods of payment for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers that have contracted with the board under section 340.036 of the Revised Code;

(9) Submit to the director and the county commissioners of the county or counties served by the board, and make available to the public, an annual report of the addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports under the

jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting; 137

(10) Establish a method for evaluating referrals for 138
court-ordered treatment and affidavits filed pursuant to section 139
5122.11 of the Revised Code in order to assist the probate 140
division of the court of common pleas in determining whether 141
there is probable cause that a respondent is subject to court- 142
ordered treatment and whether alternatives to hospitalization 143
are available and appropriate; 144

(11) Designate the treatment services, provider, facility, 145
or other placement for each person involuntarily committed to 146
the board pursuant to Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The 147
board shall provide the least restrictive and most appropriate 148
alternative that is available for any person involuntarily 149
committed to it and shall assure that the list of addiction 150
services, mental health services, and recovery supports 151
submitted and approved in accordance with division (B) of 152
section 340.08 of the Revised Code are available to severely 153
mentally disabled persons residing within its service district. 154
The board shall establish the procedure for authorizing payment 155
for the services and supports, which may include prior 156
authorization in appropriate circumstances. In accordance with 157
section 340.037 of the Revised Code, the board may provide 158
addiction services and mental health services directly to a 159
severely mentally disabled person when life or safety is 160
endangered and when no community addiction services provider or 161
community mental health services provider is available to 162
provide the service. 163

(12) Ensure that housing built, subsidized, renovated, 164
rented, owned, or leased by the board or a community addiction 165
services provider or community mental health services provider 166

has been approved as meeting minimum fire safety standards and 167
that persons residing in the housing have access to appropriate 168
and necessary services, including culturally relevant services, 169
from a community addiction services provider or community mental 170
health services provider. This division does not apply to 171
residential facilities licensed pursuant to section 5119.34 of 172
the Revised Code. 173

(13) Establish a mechanism for obtaining advice and 174
involvement of persons receiving addiction services, mental 175
health services, or recovery supports on matters pertaining to 176
services and supports in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 177
health service district; 178

(14) Perform the duties required by rules adopted under 179
section 5119.22 of the Revised Code regarding referrals by the 180
board or community mental health services providers under 181
contract with the board of individuals with mental illness or 182
severe mental disability to class two residential facilities 183
licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code and effective 184
arrangements for ongoing mental health services for the 185
individuals. The board is accountable in the manner specified in 186
the rules for ensuring that the ongoing mental health services 187
are effectively arranged for the individuals. 188

(15) Work in partnership with the 9-8-8 administrator to 189
oversee the operation of crisis centers pursuant to section 190
5119.803 of the Revised Code. 191

(B) Each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 192
health services shall establish such rules, operating 193
procedures, standards, and bylaws, and perform such other duties 194
as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this 195
chapter. 196

(C) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 197
services may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any 198
moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for 199
which the board is established, and may hold and apply it 200
according to the terms of the gift, grant, or bequest. All money 201
received, including accrued interest, by gift, grant, or bequest 202
shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, the treasurer 203
of which is custodian of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 204
health services funds to the credit of the board and shall be 205
available for use by the board for purposes stated by the donor 206
or grantor. 207

(D) No member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug 208
addiction, and mental health services shall be liable for injury 209
or damages caused by any action or inaction taken within the 210
scope of the member's official duties or the employee's 211
employment, whether or not such action or inaction is expressly 212
authorized by this section or any other section of the Revised 213
Code, unless such action or inaction constitutes willful or 214
wanton misconduct. Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code applies to 215
any action or inaction by a member or employee of a board taken 216
within the scope of the member's official duties or employee's 217
employment. For the purposes of this division, the conduct of a 218
member or employee shall not be considered willful or wanton 219
misconduct if the member or employee acted in good faith and in 220
a manner that the member or employee reasonably believed was in 221
or was not opposed to the best interests of the board and, with 222
respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable 223
cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. 224

(E) The meetings held by any committee established by a 225
board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services 226
shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to 227

section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 228

(F) (1) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 229
health services may establish a rule, operating procedure, 230
standard, or bylaw to allow the executive director of the board 231
to execute both of the following types of contracts valued at 232
twenty-five thousand dollars or less, as determined by the 233
board, on behalf of the board without the board's prior 234
approval: 235

(a) Emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery 236
support services; 237

(b) Standard service contracts pertaining to the board's 238
operations. 239

(2) If a board establishes a rule, operating procedure, 240
standard, or bylaw under division (F) (1) of this section, both 241
of the following shall be the case: 242

(a) The board shall define the scope of contracts 243
described in divisions (F) (1) (a) and (b) of this section in that 244
rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw. 245

(b) The board shall disclose the existence of a contract 246
executed pursuant to the rule, operating procedure, standard, or 247
bylaw at the first board meeting that occurs after the contract 248
was executed and ensure that a record of that disclosure is 249
included in the written minutes of that meeting. 250

Sec. 5119.80. As used in sections 5119.80 to 5119.8011 of 251
the Revised Code: 252

(A) "9-8-8 administrator" means the administrator of the 253
9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline 254
system, as established in section 5119.801 of the Revised Code. 255

(B) "9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis 256
hotline" or "9-8-8 hotline" means the 9-8-8 universal telephone 257
number in the United States, as established under 47 U.S.C. 258
251(e), for the national suicide prevention and mental health 259
crisis hotline system operating through the national suicide 260
prevention lifeline program. 261

(C) "Certified community behavioral health clinics" means 262
a facility meeting the criteria established under section 223 of 263
the "Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014," 42 U.S.C. 1396a 264
note. 265

(D) "Community mental health center" means a facility 266
meeting the criteria set forth in section 1913(c) of the "Public 267
Health Service Act," 42 U.S.C. 300x-2." 268

(E) "Local jurisdiction" means a county, municipal 269
corporation, combination of two or more counties, combination of 270
two or more municipal corporations, or combination of one or 271
more counties and one or more municipal corporations, provided 272
that a combination has been established by a memorandum of 273
understanding. 274

(F) "National suicide prevention lifeline program" means 275
the national suicide prevention lifeline program maintained by 276
the assistant secretary for mental health in the substance abuse 277
and mental health services administration of the United States 278
department of health and human services under 42 U.S.C. 290bb- 279
36c. 280

Sec. 5119.801. (A) There is hereby established a 9-8-8 281
administrator within the department of mental health and 282
addiction services to oversee the administration of the 9-8-8 283
suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system 284

statewide. 285

(B) The 9-8-8 administrator shall do all of the following: 286

(1) Work with local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 287
health services boards and local jurisdictions to designate and 288
oversee crisis centers pursuant to section 5119.803 of the 289
Revised Code; 290

(2) Collect and maintain data and submit an annual report 291
pursuant to section 5119.807 of the Revised Code; 292

(3) Oversee the collection and disbursement of money from 293
the 9-8-8 fund pursuant to section 5119.809 of the Revised Code; 294

(4) Coordinate with the veterans crisis line, maintained 295
by the United States secretary of veterans affairs under 38 296
U.S.C. 1720F(h), and with the national suicide prevention 297
lifeline program to ensure consistent public messaging about 9- 298
8-8 services. 299

Sec. 5119.803. (A) Not later than July 16, 2022, the 9-8-8 300
administrator, in conjunction with the appropriate local 301
jurisdictions, shall designate crisis centers to participate in 302
the 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline to 303
provide or coordinate crisis stabilization and intervention 304
services and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing 305
the 9-8-8 hotline in this state. The local jurisdiction shall 306
ensure that all residents within the jurisdiction have access to 307
the services of a designated crisis center upon accessing the 9- 308
8-8 hotline. The 9-8-8 administrator shall ensure that an 309
adequate number of crisis centers are designated so that all 310
residents of the state have access to a crisis center. 311

(B) Administration and operation of a crisis center shall 312
be overseen by the local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 313

health services board whose jurisdiction covers the location of 314
the crisis center, in collaboration with the 9-8-8 315
administrator. 316

(C) A crisis center shall do all of the following: 317

(1) Provide crisis response and outgoing services to calls 318
twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by personnel who 319
reflect the demographics of the served community and are trained 320
to serve at-risk communities, including culturally and 321
linguistically competent services for LGBTQ+, racially, 322
ethnically, and linguistically diverse communities; 323

(2) Provide follow-up services to individuals accessing 324
the 9-8-8 hotline; 325

(3) Utilize technology to allow real-time crisis care 326
coordination, including text and electronic chat, that enables 327
information sharing and communication between crisis and 328
emergency response systems throughout this state, such as 9-1-1, 329
and the national suicide prevention lifeline program 330
administrator; 331

(4) Coordinate and, where appropriate, establish formal 332
agreements and parameters for information sharing, with mental 333
health and substance use disorder treatment providers, including 334
all of the following, to provide individuals contacting the 9-8- 335
8 hotline access to the appropriate resources and services: 336

(a) Hospital emergency departments; 337

(b) Inpatient psychiatric settings; 338

(c) Community mental health services providers, including 339
certified community behavioral health clinics and community 340
mental health centers; 341

<u>(d) Crisis receiving and stabilization services</u>	342
<u>facilities.</u>	343
<u>(5) Maintain and disburse documents and resources for</u>	344
<u>individuals accessing the hotline in languages other than</u>	345
<u>English that are deemed appropriate for the area served;</u>	346
<u>(6) Maintain a partnership with the local alcohol, drug</u>	347
<u>abuse, and mental health services board whose jurisdiction</u>	348
<u>includes the location of the crisis center to ensure</u>	349
<u>coordination with, and access to, crisis receiving and</u>	350
<u>stabilization services for individuals accessing the 9-8-8</u>	351
<u>hotline, including guidelines for appropriate information</u>	352
<u>sharing about the availability of services and operational</u>	353
<u>processes;</u>	354
<u>(7) Maintain a valid agreement with the national suicide</u>	355
<u>prevention lifeline program administrator to participate in the</u>	356
<u>9-8-8 hotline;</u>	357
<u>(8) Meet all national suicide prevention lifeline program</u>	358
<u>requirements and guidelines for operational and clinical</u>	359
<u>standards and other relevant federal laws;</u>	360
<u>(9) Collect and submit to the 9-8-8 administrator on a</u>	361
<u>quarterly basis all of the following information:</u>	362
<u>(a) The total number of calls received by the crisis</u>	363
<u>center;</u>	364
<u>(b) Demographic information about the callers, including</u>	365
<u>age, sexual orientation or gender identity, and race and</u>	366
<u>ethnicity;</u>	367
<u>(c) Any other information that the 9-8-8 administrator</u>	368
<u>deems necessary to comply with federal law.</u>	369

(10) Participate in evaluations and quality improvement 370
activities, as required by the 9-8-8 administrator. 371

Sec. 5119.807. (A) Not later than one year after the 372
effective date of this section and annually thereafter, the 9-8- 373
8 administrator shall compile an annual report regarding both of 374
the following: 375

(1) Data collected from local crisis centers pursuant to 376
division (C) (9) of section 5119.803 of the Revised Code; 377

(2) Deposits and expenditures from the 9-8-8 fund, 378
pursuant to section 5119.809 of the Revised Code. 379

(B) The 9-8-8 administrator shall submit the report to all 380
of the following: 381

(1) The general assembly, in accordance with section 382
101.68 of the Revised Code; 383

(2) The state's congressional delegation; 384

(3) The federal communications commission. 385

Sec. 5119.809. (A) There is hereby created in the state 386
treasury the 9-8-8 fund. The fund shall consist of all money 387
from the following sources: 388

(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly; 389

(2) Money awarded to the state by donation, gift, or 390
bequest, and other money received for purposes of this section; 391

(3) Interest or other earnings on the fund. 392

(B) Money in the 9-8-8 fund is not subject to transfer to 393
any other fund. 394

(C) Any money remaining in the fund, including interest 395

thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the
general revenue fund but shall remain in the fund.

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Sec. 5119.8011. Not later than ninety days after the
effective date of this section, the department of mental health
and addiction services shall adopt rules in accordance with
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to develop and
implement the 9-8-8 hotline and carry out the requirements of
sections 5119.801 to 5119.8011 of the Revised Code. The rules
shall do all of the following:

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(A) Establish qualifications and responsibilities for the
9-8-8 administrator within the department, which shall oversee
the administration of the 9-8-8 hotline in conjunction with
local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services
boards;

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(B) Establish the scope of powers for the department of
mental health and addiction services and local alcohol, drug
addiction, and mental health services boards for overseeing the
9-8-8 hotline;

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(C) Assign tasks to one or more new or existing agencies,
boards, commissions, or other entities to accomplish the
planning required to implement and oversee the requirements of
sections 5119.801 to 5119.8011 of the Revised Code, in
coordination with the department of mental health and addiction
services, 9-1-1 administrators, hospital emergency departments,
and the national suicide prevention lifeline program;

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(D) Establish timeframes to accomplish the requirements of
sections 5119.801 to 5119.8011 of the Revised Code that are
consistent with the timeframes required by the "National Suicide
Hotline Designation Act of 2020," 47 U.S.C. 251 and rules

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adopted by the United States federal communications commission 425
on July 16, 2020. 426

Section 2. That existing section 340.03 of the Revised 427
Code is hereby repealed. 428

Section 3. Section 340.03 of the Revised Code is presented 429
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both 430
H.B. 49 and S.B. 71 of the 132nd General Assembly. The General 431
Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 432
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 433
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 434
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 435
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 436
presented in this act. 437