A Bill To Require Record Keeping on Student Suicide and Overdose (AJs Law)
In memory of AJ Hart

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. Section 1. Missouri Health Departments shall be mandated to keep up to date and publicly

3. available statistics on the number of student deaths due to suicide and overdose disaggregated

4. by public school districts. Additionally, at the next review of health standards, the

5. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall continue to revise existing

6. age-appropriate standards and concepts that address mental, emotional, and social health

7. including instruction in coping skills and the relationship between physical and mental health

8. in order to enhance student understanding, attitudes, and behaviors that promote health,

9. well-being and human dignity.

10. Section 2. Suicide shall be defined as the intentional taking of one's life. Overdose shall be

11. defined as a lethal or toxic amount of a drug and/or alcohol that results in the death of the

12. victim.

13. Section 3. Data collection and reporting shall be maintained by the Missouri Department of

14. Health and Senior Services. Enforcement shall be overseen by the Missouri Department of

15. Elementary and Secondary Education. Districts with suicide rates above the

16. average teenage suicide rate as defined by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior

17. Services shall create an action plan to be approved by the Missouri Department of

18. Elementary and Secondary Education.

19. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall ensure that schools

20. in question have

21. appropriately allocated funding. If required, an employee of the Attorney General's office

22. shall complete the investigation to determine if a violation of this bill or of any state or

23. federal laws occurred.

24. Section 4. This bill will go into effect January 1st of 2024.

25. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

26. Introduced by _____