

**Subject** Voice response suicide prevention, crisis connection, and referrals

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## Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to award grants to nonprofit organizations and counties for voice response suicide prevention, crisis connection, and referral services, and appropriates money for those grants.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Voice response suicide prevention, crisis connection, and referral program.</b> Adds § 145.9275. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to nonprofit organizations and counties to provide access to mental health crisis services and suicide prevention services across the state. Provides that a grant recipient must use grant funds to triage and provide immediate access to telephone-based suicide prevention and crisis counseling; connect individuals in crisis with local mental health services; or host an accredited suicide lifeline.
2	<b>Appropriation.</b> Appropriates money in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the voice response suicide prevention, crisis connection, and referral program.