AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to youth suicide prevention; appointment of a Kansas youth suicide prevention coordinator; duties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The attorney general shall appoint a Kansas youth suicide prevention coordinator and, within the limits of appropriations available therefor, such additional staff as necessary to support the coordinator. The Kansas youth suicide prevention coordinator shall identify, create, coordinate and support youth suicide awareness and prevention efforts throughout the state.

(b) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the Kansas youth suicide prevention coordinator may:

(1) Lead the development, implementation and marketing of a website, online application and mobile phone application to facilitate communication with youth for the purpose of preventing youth suicide and promoting youth safety and well-being;

(2) develop and promote multidisciplinary and interagency strategies to help communities, schools, mental health professionals, medical professionals, law enforcement and others work together and coordinate efforts to prevent and address youth suicide;

(3) organize events that bring together youth, educators and community members from across the state to share information and receive training to prevent and address youth suicide in their communities;

(4) gather, disseminate and promote information focused on suicide reduction; and

(5) perform any other duty assigned by the attorney general to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.