

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Memorializes the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will decree a mandatory suicide prevention course for employees in the education system; whether they are a teacher, nurse, or counselor. In order to accomplish that task it is necessary that a suicide prevention fund is enacted by creating a gun sales tax on guns, provided that the money is used for the educating of school system employees, the development of new resources, or the maintaining of resources already established.

WHEREAS; After having a school nurse convention in Carson City, the nurses voiced their concerns that they had not received enough training in how to receive students with suicidal thoughts; and

WHEREAS; Students put trust in their teachers; therefore, the teachers should be educated to have the ability to give the best council advice to their students in case of a suicidal concern; and

WHEREAS; Groups already established such as, the suicide prevention network, are struggling to keep their doors open; and,

WHEREAS; Carson City has no suicide prevention group established; and,

WHEREAS; It will dramatically decrease the rate of suicide; and,

WHEREAS; Areas throughout America that have a strong foundational program for suicide prevention have considerable lower rates; and

WHEREAS; Guns are prominent instruments of suicide; and

WHEREAS; Guns could be taxed without undue harm to the gun industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 6, 2012, that the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to establish a course for employees in the education system about suicide prevention, and provide a fund through a gun tax for the use of suicide prevention.