

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2676

By Committee on Judiciary

2-21

1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to crimes against persons; creating the crime of encouraging suicide
3 and providing criminal penalties therefor.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Encouraging suicide is knowingly encouraging another
7 person to commit or attempt to commit suicide when the person knows
8 that such other person has communicated a desire to commit suicide and
9 such encouragement:

10 (1) Is made proximate in time to the other person committing or
11 attempting to commit suicide; and

12 (2) substantially influences the other person's decision or methods
13 used to commit or attempt to commit suicide.

14 (b) Encouraging suicide is a:

15 (1) Severity level 5, person felony if the other person attempts to
16 commit suicide; and

17 (2) severity level 4, person felony if the other person commits
18 suicide.

19 (c) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Attempt to commit suicide" means any physical action done by a
21 person with the intent to commit suicide; and

22 (2) "encouraging a person to commit or attempt to commit suicide"
23 means oral, written or visual communication that is persuasive or intended
24 to be persuasive and that gives advice to commit suicide, attempt to
25 commit suicide or develop a plan to commit suicide.

26 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas
27 criminal code.

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