



47           **WHEREAS**, post-primary school-based prevention reduces suicidal ideation and  
48 suicidal attempts by 13-15% and 28-34%, respectively<sup>9</sup>; and

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50           **WHEREAS**, medical schools implementing suicide prevention education into  
51 their curriculum and policy will help contribute to destigmatizing mental health and  
52 suicide<sup>15</sup>; and

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54           **WHEREAS**, Gatekeeper training programs, which are programs that provide  
55 education and strategies for individuals to assess and recognize risk for suicide, have  
56 been shown to reduce stigma around suicide and reduce a reluctance to intervene<sup>12</sup>;  
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59           **WHEREAS**, following implementation of an educational module introducing  
60 clinical suicide prevention skills to pre-clerkship medical students at the Oregon Health  
61 & Science University, 92% of participants found the training helped them develop and  
62 learn suicide prevention skills<sup>13</sup>; and

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64           **WHEREAS**, teaching suicide education in public medical schools will not only  
65 benefit medical students in decreasing their risk for depression and suicide ideation, but  
66 will also benefit future patients who are at risk for depression and suicidal ideations by  
67 identifying symptoms and providing better treatment<sup>16,17</sup>; and

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69           **WHEREAS**, current OSMA policy, “Policy 35 - 1982 Education Regarding  
70 Suicide Recognition, Prevention and Treatment,” encourages physicians to continue  
71 their education in the prevention of suicide<sup>14</sup>; and therefore

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73           **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association encourages Ohio  
74 medical schools to develop and implement suicide education programs for medical  
75 students.

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77   **Fiscal Note:**           \$ (Sponsor)  
78                               \$ 1,000 (Staff)

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144 **Policy 35 – 1982 – Education Regarding Suicide Recognition, Prevention and Treatment**

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146 1. The OSMA encourages physicians to continue their education in the recognition, treatment,  
147 and prevention of potential suicides and the management of survivors of suicide attempts.

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