

**As Reported by the House Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports  
Committee**

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**Am. H. B. No. 468**

**Representative Pavliga**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hillyer, Liston, Humphrey, Stephens, Schmidt,  
White, Bird, Abrams, Click, Carruthers, John**

**A BILL**

To enact sections 5119.80, 5119.801, and 5119.802 1  
of the Revised Code to establish a 9-8-8 suicide 2  
hotline in Ohio. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 5119.80, 5119.801, and 5119.802 4  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 5119.80.** As used in sections 5119.80 to 5119.802 of 6  
the Revised Code: 7

(A) "9-8-8 administrator" means the administrator of the 8  
9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system 9  
in this state, as established in section 5119.801 of the Revised 10  
Code. 11

(B) "9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis 12  
hotline" or "9-8-8 hotline" means the 9-8-8 universal telephone 13  
number designated for use within the United States under section 14  
251(e) of the "Communications Act of 1934," 47 U.S.C. 251(e), as 15  
amended by the "National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 16  
2020," Pub. L. No. 116-172, for the purpose of the national 17

suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. 18

Sec. 5119.801. There is hereby established a 9-8-8 19  
administrator within the department of mental health and 20  
addiction services to oversee the administration of the 9-8-8 21  
suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system in 22  
this state. 23

Sec. 5119.802. (A) There is hereby created in the state 24  
treasury the 9-8-8 fund. The fund shall consist of all money 25  
from the following sources: 26

(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly; 27

(2) Money awarded to the state by donation, gift, or 28  
bequest, and other money received for purposes of this section; 29

(3) Interest or other earnings on the fund. 30

(B) Money in the 9-8-8 fund is not subject to transfer to 31  
any other fund. 32

(C) Any money remaining in the fund, including interest 33  
thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the 34  
general revenue fund but shall remain in the fund. 35