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## MEMORANDUM

March 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Sectional summary of CSSB 35(HSS), relating to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (Work Order No. 26-LS0229\E)

**TO:** Senator Bettye Davis  
Chair of the Senate Health and Social Services Committee  
Attn: Thomas Obermeyer

**FROM:** Alpheus Bullard *LAB*  
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

**Section 1.** Adds a member to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (Council), and changes the composition of the Council.

**Section 2.** Provides that legislative members of the Council are nonvoting members.

**Section 3.** Clarifies that the Council's presiding officer, and other officers that the Council may consider necessary, are elected by a majority of the Council's voting membership.

**Section 4.** Establishes that seven voting members of the Council constitute a forum.

**Section 5.** Extends the termination date of the Council to 2013.

**Section 6.** Provides an effective date.

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