

Laws that May Negatively Impact Mental Health

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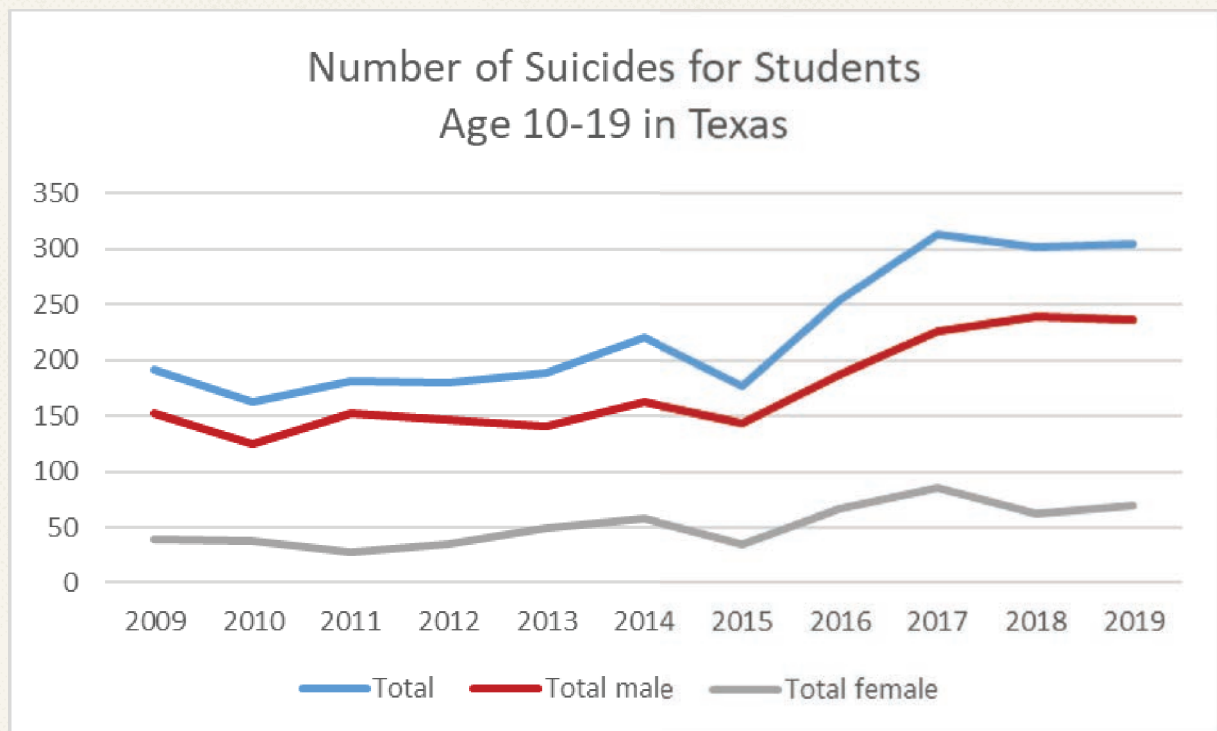
*Mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of,
but stigma and bias shame us all.*

—Bill Clinton

• Mental Health Pre-Covid •

- Before the pandemic, up to 1 in 5 children ages 3 to 17 in the US had a reported a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder
- In 2016, of the 7.7 million children with treatable mental health disorders, about half did not receive adequate treatment
- From 2009 to 2019, the proportion of high school students reporting persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness increased by 40%
- Between 2007 and 2018, suicide rates among youth ages 10-24 in the US increased by 57%

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