

RCW 71.24.894 National 988 system—Department reporting—Audit.

(1) The department and authority shall provide an annual report regarding the usage of the 988 crisis hotline, call outcomes, and the provision of crisis services inclusive of mobile rapid response crisis teams and crisis stabilization services. The report shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature each November beginning in 2023. The report shall include information on the fund deposits and expenditures of the account created in RCW 82.86.050.

(2) The department and authority shall coordinate with the department of revenue, and any other agency that is appropriated funding under the account created in RCW 82.86.050, to develop and submit information to the federal communications commission required for the completion of fee accountability reports pursuant to the national suicide hotline designation act of 2020.

(3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall schedule an audit to begin after the full implementation of chapter 302, Laws of 2021, to provide transparency as to how funds from the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line account have been expended, and to determine whether funds used to provide acute behavioral health, crisis outreach, and stabilization services are being used to supplement services identified as baseline services in the comprehensive analysis provided under RCW 71.24.892, or to supplant baseline services. The committee shall provide a report by November 1, 2027, which includes recommendations as to the adequacy of the funding provided to accomplish the intent of the act and any other recommendations for alteration or improvement. [2021 c 302 § 105.]

Findings—Intent—2021 c 302: See note following RCW 71.24.890.