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 Arizona (AZ)	2020 Links to legislations: 36-199 and 36-199.01 Establishes a Suicide Mortality Review team and specifies who shall serve on this team and the overall roles and responsibilities of the team.
 Indiana (IN)	2020 Link to legislation Outlines the purpose and structure of the local Suicide and Overdose Fatality teams, and requires that all relevant reports be made available
 Maryland (MD)	2022 Link to legislation Establishes the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate preventative systemic changes in the State.
 Massachusetts (MA)	2022 Link to legislation Convenes a committee to look at current mental health support systems for veterans and provide recommendations for how to lower the rate of death by suicide.
 Montana (MT)	2013 Link to legislation Created the Montana Suicide Review Team; established membership requirements, a process for obtaining and reviewing information related to suicides, and addressing confidentiality.
 Nevada (NV)	2013 Link to legislation Created the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities; provides for the membership of the committee, requires data and information to be made available to the committee.








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 North Dakota (ND)	2023 Link to legislation Creates a Suicide Fatality Review Commission, outlines certain people they would like as members, and explains their role and responsibilities.
 Ohio (OH)	2021 Link to legislation Establishes guidelines for a Suicide Fatality Review Committee to create and maintain a comprehensive database of deaths by suicide, and for reporting that data to the Department of Health.
 Rhode Island (RI)	2024 Link to legislation Creates an adult Suicide Fatality Review team; elaborates on who can be on the team and what they will do, including recommendations for prevention.
 Tennessee (TN)	2019 Link to legislation Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to create the Tennessee Suicide Mortality Review program to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths.
 Utah (UT)	2023 Links to legislations: C26B-5-S611 and R386-703 Establishes the role of a state Suicide Prevention Coordinator to administer a state Suicide Prevention Program and details their responsibilities.
 Washington (WA)	2022 Link to legislation Establishes a multidisciplinary Overdose, Withdrawal, and Suicide Fatality Review team to review those respective deaths and develop preventative strategies.
 Wisconsin (WI)	2023 Link to legislation Establishes Fatality Review Committees to investigate deaths, including those which are thought to be suicide deaths.