

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on
3 certain student identification cards issued by a public school or
4 public institution of higher education.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 38.353 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.353. SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION REQUIRED ON
9 CERTAIN STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Each student identification
10 card issued by a public school to a student in grade six or higher:

11 (1) must have printed on the card the contact
12 information for:

13 (A) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
14 and

15 (B) the Crisis Text Line; and

16 (2) may have printed on the card the contact
17 information for a local suicide prevention hotline, if available.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 51.91941 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 51.91941. SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION REQUIRED ON
21 STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD. (a) In this section, "institution of
22 higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

23 (b) Each student identification card issued by an
24 institution of higher education:

1 (1) must have printed on the card the contact
2 information for:

3 (A) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
4 and

5 (B) the Crisis Text Line; and

6 (2) may have printed on the card the contact
7 information for:

8 (A) the campus police department or security for
9 the campus at which the student to whom the card is issued regularly
10 attends classes or, if the campus does not have a campus police
11 department or security, a local nonemergency police contact;

12 (B) the campus health clinic for the campus at
13 which the student to whom the card is issued regularly attends
14 classes or, if the campus does not have a health clinic, a local
15 health clinic; and

16 (C) a local suicide prevention hotline, if
17 available.

18 SECTION 3. Sections 38.353 and 51.91941, Education Code, as
19 added by this Act, apply only to a student identification card
20 issued on or after the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 279 passed the Senate on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 279 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 40, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor