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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student identification cards issued by a public school.

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

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

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

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

(A)  the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

(B)  the Crisis Text Line; and

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

SECTION 2.  Section 38.353, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with student identification cards issued for the 2022-2023 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.