

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 or public institution of higher education.

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 seven or higher:

(1) must have printed on either side of the card the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

(2) may have printed on either side of the card the telephone number for:

(A) the Crisis Text Line; and

(B) a local suicide prevention hotline, if available.

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

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

(b) Each student identification card issued by an

1 institution of higher education:

2 (1) must have printed on either side of the card the
3 telephone number for:

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

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

10 (2) may have printed on either side of the card the
11 telephone number for:

12 (A) the Crisis Text Line; and

13 (B) a local suicide prevention hotline, if
14 available.

15 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 38.353 and
16 51.91941, Education Code, as added by this Act, if, on January 1,
17 2022, a public school or a public institution of higher education
18 subject to the requirements of Section 38.353 or 51.91941,
19 Education Code, as applicable, has a supply of unissued student
20 identification cards that do not comply with the applicable
21 requirements of those sections, the public school or public
22 institution of higher education may issue those student
23 identification cards until the supply of cards is depleted.

24 (b) Sections 38.353 and 51.91941, Education Code, as added
25 by this Act, apply only to an initial or replacement student
26 identification card issued on or after June 1, 2022.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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