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S.B. No. 279

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 279:

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C.S.S.B. No. 279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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.