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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 seven or higher
11 must have printed on the card the contact information for:

12 (1) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

13 (2) the Crisis Text Line; and

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

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

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

20 (b) Each student identification card issued by an
21 institution of higher education must have printed on the card the
22 contact information for:

23 (1) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

24 (2) the Crisis Text Line;

1 (3) the campus police department or security for the
2 campus at which the student to whom the card is issued regularly
3 attends classes or, if the campus does not have a campus police
4 department or security, a local nonemergency police contact; and
5 (4) a local suicide prevention hotline, if available.

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

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