

1-1 By: Hinojosa, West S.B. No. 279
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 4, 2021; March 3, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 21, 2021,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes			X	
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 279 By: West

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on
 1-23 certain student identification cards issued by a public school or
 1-24 public institution of higher education.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 38.353 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 38.353. SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION REQUIRED ON
 1-29 CERTAIN STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Each student identification
 1-30 card issued by a public school to a student in grade seven or
 1-31 higher:

1-32 (1) must have printed on either side of the card the
 1-33 telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

1-34 (2) may have printed on either side of the card the
 1-35 telephone number for:

1-36 (A) the Crisis Text Line; and

1-37 (B) a local suicide prevention hotline, if
 1-38 available.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-40 amended by adding Section 51.91941 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 51.91941. SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION REQUIRED ON
 1-42 STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD. (a) In this section, "institution of
 1-43 higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-44 (b) Each student identification card issued by an
 1-45 institution of higher education:

1-46 (1) must have printed on either side of the card the
 1-47 telephone number for:

1-48 (A) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
 1-49 and

1-50 (B) the campus police department or security for
 1-51 the campus at which the student to whom the card is issued regularly
 1-52 attends classes or, if the campus does not have a campus police
 1-53 department or security, a local nonemergency police contact; and

1-54 (2) may have printed on either side of the card the
 1-55 telephone number for:

1-56 (A) the Crisis Text Line; and

1-57 (B) a local suicide prevention hotline, if
 1-58 available.

1-59 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 38.353 and
 1-60 51.91941, Education Code, as added by this Act, if, on January 1,

2-1 2022, a public school or a public institution of higher education
2-2 subject to the requirements of Section 38.353 or 51.91941,
2-3 Education Code, as applicable, has a supply of unissued student
2-4 identification cards that do not comply with the applicable
2-5 requirements of those sections, the public school or public
2-6 institution of higher education may issue those student
2-7 identification cards until the supply of cards is depleted.

2-8 (b) Sections 38.353 and 51.91941, Education Code, as added
2-9 by this Act, apply only to an initial or replacement student
2-10 identification card issued on or after June 1, 2022.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-15 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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