

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 581

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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I support this bill. College age students are particularly vulnerable to developing schizophrenia; the typical age that schizophrenia shows up is late teens to mid-20s. With the stresses of college life, this age group is also vulnerable to suicide. Anything that raises the awareness of suicide and a place to get help is important, and putting this information on student IDs makes great sense. Please pass this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Mikolajek, Ms.

Nami

Austin, TX

I am writing to ask you to support HB 581. It is important as it relates to helping students access help with regards to suicide. Suicide tragically is an ever rising event for young people. By making it a law to include suicide prevention access on the ID cards for students of public institution of higher education., this could side in getting resources, knowledge, potential help and in saving lives. Please support HB 581.

Eric Kunish, NAMI Central Texas Advocacy Chair

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I support this bill! Thanks you.