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5/5/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20210505.docx))

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(A45, R58, S231)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 59‑1‑375 SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE AND CERTAIN OTHER CRISIS RESOURCES, TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CARDS ISSUED OR REPLACED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ANNUALLY SHALL CERTIFY TO THEIR GOVERNING BODIES THAT CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS ACT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND UPDATED AS NECESSARY; TO ALLOW THE DEPLETION OF EXISTING SUPPLIES OF NONCONFORMING, UNISSUED CARDS; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Citation**

SECTION 1. This act must be known and may be cited as the “Student Identification Card Suicide Prevention Act”.

**Student identification cards**

SECTION 2. Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑1‑375. (A) A public school, including a charter school, that serves any students in the seventh through twelfth grades that issues student identification cards must print on either side of the cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The school must also print on either side of the cards the social media platform, telephone number, or text number for at least one additional crisis resource selected by the school district or charter school sponsor pursuant to the available data regarding local school or community needs, including, but not limited to:

(1) the Crisis Text Line;

(2) a local suicide prevention hotline, if available; or

(3) the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline.

(B) Public and private institutions of higher learning that issue student identification cards must print on either side of the cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The public or private institution of higher learning must also print on either side of the cards the social media platform, telephone number, or text number for at least one additional crisis resource selected by the public or private institution of higher learning pursuant to the available data regarding local school or community needs including, but not limited to:

(1) the Crisis Text Line;

(2) campus police or security or, if the campus does not have a campus police or security telephone number, the local law enforcement authority;

(3) a local suicide prevention hotline; or

(4) the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline.

(C) This section applies to any student identification card issued for the first time or for replacements to a damaged or lost student identification card.

(D) Public schools, charter schools, and institutions of higher learning issuing student identification cards pursuant to this section shall annually and prior to the start of each school year certify to their respective governing bodies that the contact information being printed on student identification cards is up to date and reflects the current contact information for crisis resources posted on the South Carolina Department of Mental Health’s website.”

**Existing supplies of nonconforming, unissued cards**

SECTION 3. If a public school or institution of higher learning subject to the provisions of this act has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not comply with the requirements of this act, then the school or institution may issue those student identification cards until the supply is depleted.

**Time effective**

SECTION 4. This act takes effect on July 1, 2022.

Ratified the 13th day of May, 2021.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2021.

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