**A** **BILL**

TO ENACT THE “STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT”; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR EDUCATION, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑1‑375, TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL ADD THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE TO STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND MAY ADD TELEPHONE AND TEXT NUMBERS FOR CERTAIN OTHER HOTLINES TO STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN EXISTENCE BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT.

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

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

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 may also print on either side of the cards the telephone or text numbers for:

(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 institution may also print on either side of the cards the telephone or text numbers for:

(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.”

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.

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

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