

HOUSE No. 1999

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis and Natalie M. Higgins

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to student mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/22/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>

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By Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1999) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to require that student identification cards contain suicide prevention lifeline contact information. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to student mental health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 37R the following section:-

3 Section 37S(a) Commencing July 1, 2023, a public school, including a charter school,
4 that serves students in any of grades 6 to 12, inclusive, that issues student identification cards
5 shall include on the student identification cards the telephone and text number for the 988
6 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

7 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if, as of January 1, 2023, a school subject to the
8 requirements of subsection (a) has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not
9 comply with the requirement in subsection (a), the school shall issue those student identification
10 cards to students until that supply is depleted.

11 (c) Subsection (a) shall apply for a student identification card issued to a new student and
12 for a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student
13 identification card at the request of that student.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
15 section 20 the following section:-

16 Section 21(a) Commencing July 1, 2023, a public or private institution of higher
17 education that issues student identification cards shall include on the student identification cards
18 the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if, as of January 1, 2023, a state university or
20 community college subject to the requirements of subsection (a) has a supply of unissued student
21 identification cards that do not comply with the requirement in subsection (a), the school shall
22 issue those student identification cards to students until that supply is depleted.

23 (c) Subsection (a) shall apply for a student identification card issued to a new student and
24 for a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student
25 identification card at the request of that student.