

# HOUSE BILL No. 1565

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-26-5-40; IC 21-48-1-2.

**Synopsis:** Suicide hotline information on student ID cards. Requires each public school, nonpublic school that employs one or more employees, and approved postsecondary educational institution that issues a student identification card to a student after June 30, 2021, to include the following information on the student identification card: (1) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is in operation, the name, telephone number, and text number (if available) of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. (2) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases operations, the name, telephone number, and text number (if available) of another national network of local crisis centers that meets certain criteria. Provides that the information may be printed on the student identification card or printed on a sticker that is affixed to the student identification card. Provides an exception for schools and approved postsecondary educational institutions that already include certain information regarding a national network of crisis centers.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-40 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 40. (a) This section applies to the following:**  
4 (1) **A public school, including a charter school.**  
5 (2) **A nonpublic school that employs one (1) or more**  
6 **employees.**  
7 **(b) This subsection applies to a student identification card issued**  
8 **to a student after June 30, 2021. Except as provided in subsection**  
9 **(d), if a school described in subsection (a) issues a student**  
10 **identification card to a student, the school shall include the**  
11 **following on the student identification card:**  
12 **(1) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is in operation,**  
13 **the:**  
14 **(A) name;**  
15 **(B) telephone number; and**  
16 **(C) text number, if available;**  
17 **of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.**



1 (2) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases  
 2 operations, the name, telephone number, and text number (if  
 3 available) of another national network of local crisis centers  
 4 that:

5 (A) provides free and confidential emotional support to  
 6 individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress; and

7 (B) provides the support described in clause (A)  
 8 twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

9 (c) A school may include the information described in subsection  
 10 (b) on a student identification card by:

11 (1) printing the information on the student identification card;  
 12 or

13 (2) affixing on the student identification card a sticker with  
 14 the information printed on the sticker.

15 (d) A school described in subsection (a) that, before July 1, 2021,  
 16 issued identification cards to students that included the  
 17 information described in subsection (b)(2) is not required to  
 18 comply with subsection (b)(1) if the school continues, after June 30,  
 19 2021, to issue identification cards to students with the information  
 20 described in subsection (b)(2) on the identification card.

21 SECTION 2. IC 21-48-1-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 22 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 23 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to a student identification  
 24 card issued to a student after June 30, 2021.

25 (b) Except as provided under subsection (d), if an approved  
 26 postsecondary educational institution issues a student identification  
 27 card to a student, the approved postsecondary educational  
 28 institution shall include the following on the student identification  
 29 card:

30 (1) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is in operation,  
 31 the:

32 (A) name;

33 (B) telephone number; and

34 (C) text number, if available;

35 of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

36 (2) If the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases  
 37 operations, the name, telephone number, and text number (if  
 38 available) of another national network of local crisis centers  
 39 that:

40 (A) provides free and confidential emotional support to  
 41 individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress; and

42 (B) provides the support described in clause (A)



- 1                   twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- 2           (c) An approved postsecondary educational institution may
- 3 include the information described in subsection (b) on a student
- 4 identification card by:
- 5           (1) printing the information on the student identification card;
- 6           or
- 7           (2) affixing on the student identification card a sticker with
- 8 the information printed on the sticker.
- 9           (d) An approved postsecondary educational institution that,
- 10 before July 1, 2021, issued identification cards to students that
- 11 included the information described in subsection (b)(2) is not
- 12 required to comply with subsection (b)(1) if the approved
- 13 postsecondary educational institution continues, after June 30,
- 14 2021, to issue identification cards to students with the information
- 15 described in subsection (b)(2) on the identification card.

