# **SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1237**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

### Joanne M. Comerford

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:	
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/24/2023
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin	1/29/2023
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/6/2023
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	2/15/2023
Ryan C. Fattman	Worcester and Hampden	2/26/2023
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex	3/8/2023

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1237) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis, Susannah M. Whipps, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to student mental health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

### [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1266 OF 2021-2022.]

## The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act relative to student mental health.

section 37R the following section:-

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
- 3 Section 37S. (a) A public school, including a charter school, that serves students in any of
- 4 grades 6 to 12, inclusive, that issues student identification cards shall include on the student
- 5 identification cards the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- 6 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply to a student identification card issued to a new student and
- 7 to a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student identification
- 8 card.

- 9 SECTION 2. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after 10 section 20 the following section:-
- Section 21. (a) A public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards shall include on the student identification cards the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

- (b) Subsection (a) shall apply to a student identification card issued to a new student and to a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student identification card.
- SECTION 3. (a) The provisions of section 37S of chapter 71 of the General Laws shall take effect as of July 1, 2023; provided that if, as of July 1, 2023, a school subject to the requirements of said section has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not comply with the section, the school may issue those student identification cards to students until that supply is depleted.
- (b) The provisions of section 21 of chapter 73 of the General Laws shall take effect as of July 1, 2023; provided that if, as of July 1, 2023, a public or private institution of higher education subject to the requirements of said section has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not comply with the section, the school may issue those student identification cards to students until that supply is depleted.