

HOUSE BILL 1394

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By: **Delegate Crosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Provision of 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and Safe Schools**
3 **Maryland Telephone Numbers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning in a certain school year, each county board of
5 education to provide certain students with the telephone numbers of the 988 Suicide
6 and Crisis Lifeline and the Safe Schools Maryland anonymous tip line in a certain
7 manner; and generally relating to the provision of crisis and safety telephone
8 numbers to students in public schools.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–431
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–431.

18 **(A)** Each county board shall provide each student in grades six through twelve
19 with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by:

20 (1) Printing the telephone number prominently in the school handbook;
21 and

22 (2) Printing the telephone number on a student’s school identification card,
23 if provided.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) BEGINNING IN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD**
2 **SHALL PROVIDE EACH STUDENT IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE WITH THE**
3 **TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE AND THE SAFE**
4 **SCHOOLS MARYLAND ANONYMOUS TIP LINE BY:**

5 **(1) PRINTING THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS PROMINENTLY IN THE**
6 **SCHOOL HANDBOOK; AND**

7 **(2) PRINTING THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON A STUDENT’S SCHOOL**
8 **IDENTIFICATION CARD, IF PROVIDED.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2024.