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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school employee training and protocols
2 relating to children's mental health, requiring that suicide
3 prevention information be included on secondary student
4 identification cards, and including effective date and
5 applicability provisions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 33, paragraph b, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Adopt rules to require school districts to adopt
4 protocols for suicide prevention and postvention, ~~and~~ the
5 identification of adverse childhood experiences and strategies
6 to mitigate toxic stress response, and children's mental
7 health supports. The protocols shall be based on nationally
8 recognized best practices.

9 Sec. 2. Section 279.70, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. By July 1, 2020, the board of directors
12 of a school district shall require annual, evidence-based,
13 evidence-supported training on mental health awareness
14 for all school personnel who hold a license, certificate,
15 authorization, or statement of recognition issued by the board
16 of educational examiners and who have regular contact with
17 students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The content
18 of the training shall be based on nationally recognized best
19 practices.

20 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 279.72 **Student identification cards —**
21 **suicide prevention information.**

22 A public school that issues identification cards to students
23 in grades six through twelve shall include on either side of
24 the identification card the telephone number for the national
25 suicide prevention lifeline and the crisis text line.

26 Sec. 4. EMERGENCY RULES. The board of education may adopt
27 emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section
28 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions
29 of this Act and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
30 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
31 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
32 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section
33 17A.4.

34 Sec. 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
35 3, shall not apply to this Act.

1 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 Sec. 7. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to student
4 identification cards issued on or after the effective date
5 of this Act. A public school that has a supply of unused
6 student identification cards shall utilize that supply prior to
7 complying with the requirements of this Act relating to student
8 identification cards.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill requires the board of education to adopt rules
13 to require school districts to adopt protocols for children's
14 mental health supports based on nationally recognized best
15 practices. The bill requires school boards to require by
16 July 1, 2020, annual, evidence-based, evidence-supported
17 training on mental health awareness for all school personnel
18 who hold a license, certificate, authorization, or statement
19 of recognition issued by the board of educational examiners
20 and who have regular contact with students in kindergarten
21 through grade 12. The content of the training shall be based
22 on nationally recognized best practices.

23 The bill requires that public schools that educate
24 students in grades 6 through 12 to include on either side of
25 identification cards issued to students the telephone number
26 for the national suicide prevention lifeline and the crisis
27 text line.

28 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
29 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
30 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
31 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
32 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
33 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
34 mandate included in the bill.

35 The bill authorizes emergency rulemaking to implement the

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1 bill. The bill applies to student identification cards issued
2 on or after the effective date of the bill. A public school
3 that has a supply of unused student identification cards shall
4 utilize that supply prior to complying with the requirements of
5 the bill relating to student identification cards.

6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.