

**House File 427 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring that secondary and postsecondary education  
2 institutions provide students with information regarding  
3 suicide prevention and student mental health services and  
4 including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2019, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Require that identification cards  
4 issued to students include on either side of the identification  
5 card the telephone number for the national suicide prevention  
6 lifeline. The community college may also include telephone  
7 numbers for the crisis text line and a local suicide prevention  
8 hotline.

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. Require that the community college  
10 post the telephone number for the national suicide prevention  
11 lifeline on the community college's internet site.

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Require that the community college  
13 provide students information at least twice per academic year  
14 on how to access available student mental health services in  
15 the college, in the community, or both, as applicable.

16 Sec. 2. Section 261.2, Code 2019, is amended by adding the  
17 following new subsections:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Require any postsecondary institution  
19 other than a regents institution or community college whose  
20 students are eligible for or who receive financial assistance  
21 under programs administered by the commission that issues  
22 identification cards to students to include on either side of  
23 the identification card the telephone number for the national  
24 suicide prevention lifeline. The institution may also include  
25 telephone numbers for the crisis text line and a local suicide  
26 prevention hotline.

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Require any postsecondary institution  
28 other than a regents institution or community college whose  
29 students are eligible for or who receive financial assistance  
30 under programs administered by the commission to post the  
31 telephone number for the national suicide prevention lifeline  
32 on the institution's internet site.

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Require any postsecondary institution  
34 other than a regents institution or community college whose  
35 students are eligible for or who receive financial assistance

1 under programs administered by the commission to provide  
2 students information at least twice per academic year on how  
3 to access available student mental health services in the  
4 institution, in the community, or both, as applicable.

5 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2019, is amended by adding the  
6 following new subsections:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Require that each institution  
8 of higher education governed by the board that issues  
9 identification cards to students to include on either side of  
10 the identification card the telephone number for the national  
11 suicide prevention lifeline. The institution may also include  
12 telephone numbers for the crisis text line and a local suicide  
13 prevention hotline.

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 40. Require that each institution of higher  
15 education governed by the board post the telephone number for  
16 the national suicide prevention lifeline on the institution's  
17 internet site.

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 41. Require that each institution of higher  
19 education governed by the board provide students information  
20 at least twice per academic year on how to access available  
21 student mental health services in the institution, in the  
22 community, or both, as applicable.

23 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 280.31 **Student identification cards —**  
24 **internet site — suicide prevention and other information.**

25 1. A public or nonpublic school that issues identification  
26 cards to students in grades seven through twelve shall include  
27 on either side of the identification card the telephone number  
28 for the national suicide prevention lifeline. The school may  
29 also include telephone numbers for the crisis text line and a  
30 local suicide prevention hotline.

31 2. A public or nonpublic school at which students in grades  
32 seven through twelve are educated shall post the telephone  
33 number for the national suicide prevention lifeline on the  
34 school's internet site.

35 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 280.32 **Information on access to**

1 **student mental health services.**

2 A public or nonpublic school shall provide students in  
3 grades seven through twelve and parents or guardians of such  
4 students information at least twice per school year on how to  
5 access available student mental health services in the school,  
6 in the community, or both, as applicable.

7 Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to student  
8 identification cards issued on or after the effective date of  
9 this Act. A school, institution, or community college that has  
10 a supply of unused student identification cards shall utilize  
11 that supply prior to complying with the requirements of this  
12 Act relating to student identification cards.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill requires that public and accredited nonpublic  
17 schools that educate students in grades 7 through 12, regents  
18 institutions, community colleges, and other postsecondary  
19 institutions whose students are eligible for or who receive  
20 financial assistance under programs administered by the  
21 college student aid commission to include on either side of  
22 identification cards issued to students the telephone number  
23 for the national suicide prevention lifeline. The telephone  
24 numbers for the crisis text line and a local suicide prevention  
25 hotline may also be included.

26 The bill requires such schools, institutions, and community  
27 colleges to post the telephone number for the national suicide  
28 prevention lifeline on the schools', institutions', or  
29 community colleges' internet sites.

30 The bill also requires such schools, institutions, and  
31 community colleges to provide students information at least  
32 twice per school or academic year on how to access available  
33 student mental health services in the institution, in the  
34 community, or both, as applicable.

35 The bill applies to student identification cards issued

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2 institution, or community college that has a supply of unused  
3 student identification cards shall utilize that supply prior to  
4 complying with the requirements of the bill relating to student  
5 identification cards.