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HOUSE BILL 23-1007

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CRISIS SERVICES INFORMATION ON STUDENT**
102 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires public and private higher education institutions to print Colorado and national crisis and suicide prevention contact information on student identification cards. If an institution does not use student identification cards, the bill requires the school to distribute Colorado and national crisis and suicide prevention contact information to the student body each semester or trimester.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Young adulthood, which is commonly considered to be ages
5 19 to 24, is a time of often stressful transitions during which some major
6 mental health conditions first emerge. Young adults with untreated or
7 undiagnosed behavioral health problems often face academic and
8 personal problems and sometimes drop out of school. This age group also
9 has a significantly higher rate of suicide compared to youth ages 10 to 18.
10 The Colorado department of public health and environment reports that
11 between 2003 and 2017 there were 1,290 suicides among young adults
12 ages 19 to 24 and 696 suicides among youth ages 10 to 18.

13 (b) Providing access to mental health care is one way to prevent
14 suicide. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports in a
15 2022 policy paper on suicide on university and college campuses that only
16 half of enrolled students said they knew where to find mental health
17 services. This suggests that postsecondary institutions should make
18 students more aware of suicide prevention resources and services.

19 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly that this bill
20 increase awareness of mental health resources, and the general assembly
21 recognizes this awareness as an important step toward preventing suicide
22 and promoting well-being among young adults.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-5-109 as
24 follows:

25 **23-5-109. Identification - suicide and crisis prevention - rules.**

26 (1) The governing board of any state institution of higher education is

1 authorized to promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ establishing a system of
2 identification of students, faculty, and staff ~~which~~ THAT may include
3 provisions for penalties other than criminal penalties and provisions for
4 disciplinary action for failure to display one's identification card upon
5 request by an authorized official, possession of a false identification card,
6 and alteration of an identification card. The authorized officials of such
7 institution have authority to detain a person upon the property under the
8 control of the institution for the purpose of obtaining proper identification
9 if such person refuses to display ~~his~~ THE PERSON'S identification card or
10 otherwise give adequate identification upon request by an authorized
11 official.

12 (2) EACH STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED AFTER AUGUST
13 1, 2023, TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT
14 MUST INCLUDE THE PHONE NUMBER AND TEXT TALK NUMBER FOR THE
15 STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, COMMONLY
16 REFERRED TO AS "COLORADO CRISIS SERVICES", AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
17 27-60-104, AND THE NATIONAL THREE-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE
18 NUMBER 988. THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL MAY
19 INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER AVAILABLE CRISIS SERVICES AND
20 OTHER SERVICES ON THE IDENTIFICATION CARD, INCLUDING LOCAL
21 CAMPUS CRISIS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION NUMBERS. THE PUBLIC OR
22 PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO REPRINT OR
23 REISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN USE BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023. IF, AT
24 ANY TIME, A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL HAS CURRENT
25 STUDENTS STILL USING IDENTIFICATION CARDS WITHOUT THE
26 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL SHALL DISTRIBUTE
27 THE PHONE NUMBER AND TEXT TALK NUMBER FOR COLORADO CRISIS

1 SERVICES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-60-104, AND THE NATIONAL
2 THREE-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE NUMBER 988 TO ALL STUDENTS
3 AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL SEMESTER OR TRIMESTER UNTIL ALL
4 STUDENTS HAVE IDENTIFICATION CARDS WITH THE REQUIRED
5 INFORMATION. IF A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL DOES
6 NOT ISSUE OR USE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, THE SCHOOL SHALL
7 DISTRIBUTE THE PHONE NUMBER AND TEXT TALK NUMBER FOR COLORADO
8 CRISIS SERVICES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-60-104, AND THE NATIONAL
9 THREE-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE NUMBER 988 TO ALL STUDENTS
10 AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL SEMESTER OR TRIMESTER.

11 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.