

SENATE No. 1266

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 supporting student mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/4/2021</i>

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1266) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis, Brian W. Murray, Barry R. Finegold and other members of the General Court for legislation to add a suicide prevention hotline number on student identification cards. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 250 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act supporting student mental health.

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 section 37R the following section:-

3 Section 37S. (a) Commencing August 1, 2022, a public school, including a charter
4 school, that serves students in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that issues student identification
5 cards shall include on the student identification cards the telephone number for the National
6 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and the school’s campus police or security
7 telephone number or, if the school does not have a campus police or security telephone number,
8 the local nonemergency telephone number.

9 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if, as of August 1, 2023, a school subject to the
10 requirements of subsection (a) has a supply of unissued student identification cards that do not
11 comply with the requirement in subsection (a), the school shall issue those student identification
12 cards to students until that supply is depleted.

13 (c) Subsection (a) shall apply to a student identification card issued to a new student and
14 to a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student identification
15 card at the request of that student.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
17 section 20 the following section:-

18 Section 21. (a) Commencing August 1, 2022, a public or private institution of higher
19 education that issues student identification cards shall include on the student identification cards
20 the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and the
21 school's campus police or security telephone number or, if the school does not have a campus
22 police or security telephone number, the local nonemergency telephone number.

23 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if, as of August 1, 2023, a state university or
24 community college subject to the requirements of subsection (a) has a supply of unissued student
25 identification cards that do not comply with the requirement in subsection (a), the school shall
26 issue those student identification cards to students until that supply is depleted.

27 (c) Subsection (a) shall apply for a student identification card issued to a new student and
28 for a student identification card issued to replace a student's damaged or lost student
29 identification card at the request of that student.