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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUPIL AND STUDENT  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code by amending Chapter 41 by making deletions as shown by strike  
2 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           § 4143. Pupil Identification Cards - Publication of Safety Hotline Numbers.

4           (a) All public schools serving pupils in grades 7 to 12 that issue pupil identification cards shall have printed on  
5 either side of the pupil identification card the following public safety telephone or text numbers:

6                   (1) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255.

7                   (2) National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233(SAVE).

8                   (3) Hopeline: Text "HOPELINE" to 741741.

9           (b) All public schools serving pupils in grades 7 to 12 that issue pupil identification cards, in addition to printing  
10 the required public safety numbers, listed in subsection (a), on the pupil identification cards, may also print the following  
11 telephone or text numbers:

12                   (1) National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673(HOPE).

13                   (2) Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1-866-331-9474 or Text "loveis" to 22522.

14                   (3) Stop Bullying Now Hotline: 1-800-273-8255(TALK).

15           (c) In the event any of the numbers listed in subsections (a) or (b) have been updated the most updated numbers  
16 shall be printed on the pupil identification card.

17           (d) If a public school has unissued pupil identification cards, that do not comply with the requirements of  
18 subsection (a) of this section, the school may continue to issue the identification cards until they are depleted.

19           Section 2. Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as  
20 shown by underline as follows:

21           Chapter 90B. Student Identification Cards.

22           § 9001B. Publication of Safety Hotline Numbers.

23           (a) Every public institution of higher learning in this State that issues student identification cards shall have printed  
24 on either side of the student identification cards the following public safety telephone and text numbers:

25                   (1) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255.

26                   (2) National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233(SAVE).

27                   (3) Hopeline: Text “HOPELINE” to 741741.

28                   (4) Local campus police or campus security phone number.

29           (b) Every public institution of higher learning in this State that issues student identification cards, in addition to  
30 printing the required public safety numbers listed in subsection (a) of this section, on the student identification card, may  
31 also print the following telephone number:

32                   (1) National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673(HOPE).

33           (c) In the event any of the numbers listed in subsections (a) or (b) of this section have been updated the most  
34 updated numbers shall be printed on the student identification cards.

35           (d) If an institution of higher learning has unissued student identification cards, that do not comply with the  
36 requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the institution may continue to issue the identification cards until they are  
37 depleted.

38           Section 3. This Act takes effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

SYNOPSIS

This Act requires all public schools that serve pupils in grades 7-12 that issue pupil identification cards to have printed on the identification cards the telephone or text numbers for the National Suicide Prevention and National Domestic Violence Hotlines and allows them to add the National Sexual Assault, Teen Dating Violence and Bullying Hotlines. The Act requires all public institutions of higher learning in Delaware, which issue student identification cards, to print on the student identification cards the telephone or text numbers for National Suicide Prevention, Domestic Violence Hotlines and local campus police or campus security telephone numbers and allows the institutions to add the National Sexual Assault Hotline number. This Act will be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year.