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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, JUNE 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in duties and powers of boards of school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline telephone number on student identification card; and, in school safety and security, further providing for school safety and security coordinator.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 529. Suicide Prevention Hotline Telephone Number on Student Identification Card.--The board of school directors of a school district that administers student identification cards to each student in grades six through twelve shall include on each identification card a national, State or local suicide prevention hotline telephone number printed on the...
identification card. The suicide prevention hotline telephone number provided on the student identification card must be a telephone number that can be accessed for use twenty-four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week by a student or other individual. The board of school directors of a school district shall work with the school safety and security coordinator under section 1309-B to implement the requirements of this section.

Section 2. Section 1309-B(c) of the act is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

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(c) Specific duties.--The school safety and security coordinator shall:

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(7) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 529, work with the board of school directors or equivalent personnel of a school entity to display, in any of the following locations, a national, State or local suicide prevention hotline telephone number that can be accessed 24 hours a day and seven days a week by a student or other individual:

(i) On the school entity's publicly accessible Internet website.

(ii) In a conspicuous location in the school entity's counselor's office or in the office of any school employee of the school entity that is qualified to act in a counseling role.

(iii) In a conspicuous location in the office of the principal or chief administrator of the school entity.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.