GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025

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HOUSE BILL DRH10358-NH-139A

Short Title:	North Carolina Student Lifeline Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Cunningham.	
Referred to:		

1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE		
3	PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS.		
4	The Gene	ral Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:
5		SECT	TON 1.(a) G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding the following new subdivision
6	to read:		
7		" <u>(70)</u>	To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Number. – A local
8			board of education shall adopt a policy to ensure all schools in the local school
9			administrative unit provide students the phone number for the Suicide and
10			Crisis Lifeline. The board shall verify that the phone number for the Lifeline
11			is current and accurate annually. If the phone number has changed, schools
12			shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists,
13			the schools shall have the phrase "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline,
14			call 988 or text HOME to 741741." in the following places:
15			a. On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in
16			grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on
17			the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker.
18			Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a student ID.
19			b. On the school website.
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21			 <u>C.</u> On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students. <u>On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.</u> <u>On a document during any suicide awareness activity.</u> <u>f.</u> On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
22			e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
23			<u>f.</u> On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
24		SECT	TON 1.(b) G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to
25	read:		
26		" <u>(37)</u>	To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number The
27			board of trustees shall provide students the phone number for the Suicide and
28			Crisis Lifeline. The board shall verify that the phone number for the Lifeline
29			is current and accurate annually. If the phone number has changed, the board
30			shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists,
31			the board shall have the phrase "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call
32			988 or text HOME to 741741." in the following places:
33			<u>a.</u> <u>On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in</u>
34			grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on
35			the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker.
36			Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a student ID.



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1	<u>b.</u>	On the school website.	
2	<u> </u>	On the home screen of any electronic device	e issued to students.
3	<u>d.</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether	
4		On a document during any suicide awarenes	-
5	<u>e.</u> f.	On a document when the student registers to	-
6		N 1.(c) G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding	
7		de Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Pho	
8	-	students the phone number for the Suicide and C	
9	•	bhone number for the Lifeline is current and accur	
10		, the school shall use the updated phone number.	
11		chool shall have the phrase "To reach the Suicid	
12		o 741741." in the following places:	
13		n any new student identification (student ID) issu	ued to a student in grades
14		x through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous le	
15	T	he text may be printed on the ID or affixed by	y sticker. Nothing in this
16	<u>su</u>	bsection requires a school to issue a student ID.	
17	<u>(2)</u> <u>O</u>	n the school website.	
18	<u>(3)</u> <u>O</u>	n the home screen of any electronic device issued	to students.
19	<u>(4)</u> <u>O</u>	n any school agenda or calendar, whether digital of	or printed.
20	<u>(5)</u> <u>O</u>	n a document during any suicide awareness activi	<u>ty.</u>
21		n a document when the student registers to attend	
22		N 1.(d) G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding	
23		provide students the Suicide and Crisis Life	-
24		gional school shall provide students the phone nu	
25		risis Lifeline. The school shall verify that the phone	
26		current and accurate annually. If the phone number	-
27		all use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number.	-
28		e school shall have the phrase "To reach the Suicio	
29 20		38 or text HOME to 741741." in the following pla	
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33 34	h		i to issue a student ID.
34 35	<u>b.</u>	On the home screen of any electronic device	a issued to students
36	<u>c.</u> <u>d.</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether	
37	<u>u.</u> e	On a document during any suicide awarenes	•
38	<u>e.</u> <u>f.</u>	On a document when the student registers to	
39	—	N 1.(e) G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a	
40		p provide students the Suicide and Crisis Life	
41		boratory school shall provide students the phone n	-
42		risis Lifeline. The school shall verify that the phor	
43		current and accurate annually. If the phone number	
44		all use the updated phone number. Unless an updated	-
45		e school shall have the phrase "To reach the Suicio	-
46	98	38 or text HOME to 741741." in the following pla	ices:
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48		grades six through 12. The text shall be in a	-
49		the student ID. The text may be printed on the	•
50		Nothing in this subdivision requires a schoo	l to issue a student ID.
51	<u>b.</u>	On the school website.	

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1	<u>C.</u>	On the home screen of any electronic device issued to	o students.
2	<u>d.</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or	printed.
3		On a document during any suicide awareness activity	· ·
4	<u>e.</u> <u>f.</u>	On a document when the student registers to attend the	
5	SECTION	L.(f) Part 4 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the Ge	neral Statutes is
6	amended by adding a ne	w section to read:	
7	" <u>§ 115C-566.5. Provid</u>	<u>e students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone num</u>	<u>ıber.</u>
8 9		ors, or equivalent authority, of a school operating purse Il provide students the phone number for the Suicide and	
10	The school shall verify	that the phone number for the Lifeline is current and ac	curate annually.
11	If the phone number ha	s changed, the school shall use the updated phone nu	mber. Unless an
12		exists, the school shall have the phrase "To reach the Su	uicide and Crisis
13	Lifeline, call 988 or text	HOME to 741741." in the following places:	
14	<u>(1)</u> <u>On a</u>	ny new student identification (student ID) issued to a s	tudent in grades
15	six th	rough 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location of	n the student ID.
6		ext may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing	ng in this section
17		res a school to issue a student ID.	
18		e school website.	
19		e home screen of any electronic device issued to studer	
20		ny school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed	<u>-</u>
21		document during any suicide awareness activity.	
22		document when the student registers to attend the school	
23		2. G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection	
24		ard of Community Colleges shall adopt a policy requirin	
25		lents the phone number for the Suicide and Crisis Lif	
26		he phone number for the Lifeline is current and accurate	
27	1	ged, the community colleges shall use the updated phone	
28 29		ber exists, the community colleges shall have the phrase ine, call 988 or text HOME to 741741." in the following	
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31		picuous location on the student ID. The text may be prir	
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34		e school website.	
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36		ty school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed	
37		document during any suicide awareness activity.	<u>-</u>
38		document when the student registers to attend the school	ol."
39		G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision	
40		Board of Governors shall adopt a policy requiring	
41		utions to provide students the phone number for the Su	
42	Lifel	ne. The Board of Governors shall verify that the phone	e number for the
43	Lifel	ne is current and accurate annually. If the phone numb	ber has changed,
44	the c	onstituent institutions shall use the updated phone num	mber. Unless an
45	upda	ed phone number exists, the constituent institutions shall	l have the phrase
46	<u>"To r</u>	each the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HC	ME to 741741."
47	in the	e following places:	
48	<u>a.</u>	On any new student identification (student ID) issue	
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50		on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this subdi	vision requires a
51		school to issue a student ID.	

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6	SECTION 4.	This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with	
7	the 2025-2026 school year	r.	