



# HOUSE BILL 772: North Carolina Student Lifeline Act.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Health. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 29, 2025
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Cunningham, Blackwell, Lambeth, G. Brown	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Drupti Chauhan Committee Counsel
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 772 would require public schools, nonpublic schools, community colleges, and constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina (UNC) to share the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number (Lifeline number) in various ways. The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) would make technical changes to correct statutory placement and add a requirement that the NC Peer Warmline (Warmline) also be shared by these entities in the same ways as the Lifeline number.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 772 would require local boards of education, the residential schools for the deaf and blind, charter schools, regional schools, laboratory schools, nonpublic schools (both religious and nonreligious), community colleges, and UNC constituent institutions to provide students with the Lifeline and Warmline number. Each entity must annually verify that the phone numbers are current and accurate.

**K-12 Schools:** Local boards of education, the residential schools for the deaf and blind, charter schools, regional schools, laboratory schools, and nonpublic schools (both religious and nonreligious) would be required to provide students with the phone numbers for the Lifeline Warmline and would be required to place the phrases "**To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741**" and "**To reach the NC Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762**" in the following places:

- On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades 6-12. The text must be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The bill states that nothing in the bill requires a school to issue a student ID.
- On the school website.
- On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
- On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
- On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
- On a document when the student registers to attend the school.

**Community Colleges and UNC Constituent Institutions:** The State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors of UNC would be required to adopt policies requiring all community colleges and all UNC constituent institutions to provide students with the phone numbers for the Lifeline and Warmline and would be required to place the phrases "**To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741**" and "**To reach the NC Peer Warmline, call 855-773-7762**" in the following places:

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.