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Short 11	tie: No	orth Carolina Student Lifeline Act.	(Public)
Sponsor	s:		
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		April 7, 2025	
		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
	NE NU	EQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS I MBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER IN V	
The Ger		embly of North Carolina enacts:	
read:	SECT	TION 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding the following new sub-	division to
read.	"(70)	To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Numb NC Peer Warmline Phone Number. – A local board of education sa a policy to ensure all schools in the local school administrative un	shall adopt
		students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at Peer Warmline. The board shall verify that the phone numbers for the and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone numbers for the students are current and accurate annually.	nd the NC ne Lifeline
		has changed, schools shall use the updated phone number. Unless a	
		phone number exists, the schools shall have the phrases "To reach t	-
		and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741" and "To rea	ch the NC
		Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places:	
		a. On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a	
		grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous le the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed	by sticker.
		Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a stud	ent ID.
		b. On the school website.	nta
		 on the home screen of any electronic device issued to stude on any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printe on a document during any suicide awareness activity. on a document when the student registers to attend the school 	
		e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity.	<u>u.</u>
		f. On a document when the student registers to attend the scho	ool."
	SECT	$\overline{\text{G.S.}}$ 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision	
	"(37)	To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number a	
		Peer Warmline phone number. – The board of trustees shall provide	<u>le students</u>
		the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the	
		Warmline. The board shall verify that the phone numbers for the Li	
		the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone n	
		changed, the board shall use the updated phone number. Unless a	
		phone number exists, the board shall have the phrases "To reach the phrases the phrases of the p	
		and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741" and "To rea	cn the NC
		Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places:	



1		a. On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in
2		grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on
3		the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker.
4		Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a student ID.
5		<u>b.</u> On the school website.
6		<u>c.</u> On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
7		d. On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
8		e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
9	~	f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
10		ION 3. G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
11		ovide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Number and the NC Peer
12		Number. – A charter school shall provide students the phone numbers for the
13		s Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The school shall verify that the phone
14		Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone
15		ged, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone
16		e school shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call
17		E to 741741" and "To reach the NC Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the
18	<u>following places:</u>	
19	<u>(1)</u>	On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades
20		six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID.
21		The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this
22	(2)	subsection requires a school to issue a student ID.
23 24	<u>(2)</u>	On the school website.
21 22 23 24 25 26	<u>(3)</u>	On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
23 36	<u>(4)</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
20 27	<u>(5)</u>	On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
	(<u>6)</u> SECT	On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
28 29		ION 4. G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC
29 30	"(23)	Peer Warmline phone number. – A regional school shall provide students the
31		phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline.
32		The school shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the
33		Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has
34		changed, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated
35		phone number exists, the school shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide
36		and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741" and "To reach the NC
36 37		Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places:
38		a. On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in
39		grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on
1 0		the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker.
41		Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a student ID.
42		b. On the school website.
43		 c. On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
14		d. On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
45		e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
1 6		 e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity. f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
47	SECT	TON 5. G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
48	"(26)	To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC
1 9	<u>(=3)</u>	Peer Warmline phone number. – A laboratory school shall provide students
50		the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer
51		Warmline. The school shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and

the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the school shall have 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:

- a. On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue a student ID.
- <u>b.</u> On the school website.
- <u>c.</u> On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
- <u>d.</u> On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
- e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
- <u>f.</u> On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 6. Part 1 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-550.2. Provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC Peer Warmline phone number.

Each private church school or school of religious charter shall provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The school shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the school shall have 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:

- (1) On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this section requires a school to issue a student ID.
- (2) On the school website.
- (3) On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
- (4) On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
- (5) On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
- (6) On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 7. Part 2 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-558.2. Provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC Peer Warmline phone number.

Each qualified nonpublic school shall provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The school shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the school shall have 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:

- (1) On any new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this section requires a school to issue a student ID.
- (2) On the school website.
- (3) On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
- (4) On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.

On a document during any suicide awareness activity. 1 (5) 2 On a document when the student registers to attend the school." (6) 3 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 4 The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt a policy requiring all community 5 colleges to provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC 6 Peer Warmline. The State Board shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the 7 Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, the community 8 colleges shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the 9 community colleges shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or 10 text HOME to 741741" and "To reach the NC Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the 11 following places: 12 (1) On any new student identification (student ID) issued. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or 13 14 affixed by sticker. Nothing in this subsection requires a school to issue a 15 student ID. On the school website. 16 **(2)** 17 On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students. (3) 18 (4) On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed. 19 On a document during any suicide awareness activity. (5) 20 (6) On a document when the student registers to attend the school." **SECTION 9.** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: 21 22 The Board of Governors shall adopt a policy requiring all constituent institutions to provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis 23 24 Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The Board of Governors shall verify that 25 the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate 26 annually. If either phone number has changed, the constituent institutions shall 27 use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the 28 constituent institutions shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741" and "To reach the NC Peer 29 30 Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places: On any new student identification (student ID) issued. The text shall 31 <u>a.</u> 32 be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. The text may be printed 33 on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this subdivision requires a 34 school to issue a student ID. 35 On the school website. <u>b.</u> 36 On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students. <u>c.</u> On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed. 37 <u>d.</u> On a document during any suicide awareness activity. 38 e. 39 On a document when the student registers to attend the school." 40 **SECTION 10.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with

the 2025-2026 school year.

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