

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Mental  
5 Health Access for Students Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDING SUICIDE PREVENTION CONTACT INFORMA-**  
7 **TION TO SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 487(a) of the Higher  
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended  
10 by adding at the end the following:

1           “(30)(A) In the case of an institution that cre-  
2           ates and distributes identification cards for students  
3           at any time after the date of enactment of this para-  
4           graph, such institution shall include phone contact  
5           information on each such card for the following or-  
6           ganizations:

7                   “(i) The National Suicide Prevention Life-  
8                   line.

9                   “(ii) Crisis Text Line.

10                   “(iii) A campus mental health center or  
11                   program, as determined by the institution.

12           “(B) In the case of an institution that does not  
13           create and distribute identification cards for stu-  
14           dents at any time after the date of enactment of this  
15           paragraph, such institution shall publish the suicide  
16           prevention contact information specified in subpara-  
17           graph (A) on the website of such institution.

18           “(C) If an organization in clause (i) or (ii) of  
19           subparagraph (A) ceases to exist, the Secretary may  
20           designate a different entity with a similar purpose to  
21           be included on the identification card.”.

22           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
23           subsection (a) shall take effect beginning on the day that  
24           is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.