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GREEN, GILLEN, CONKLIN AND T. DAVIS, JUNE 29, 2023

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

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AN ACT

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

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

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

15 Section 529. Suicide Prevention Hotline Telephone Number on  
16 Student Identification Card.--The board of school directors of a  
17 school district that administers student identification cards to  
18 each student in grades six through twelve shall include on each  
19 identification card a national, State or local suicide  
20 prevention hotline telephone number printed on the

1 identification card. The suicide prevention hotline telephone  
2 number provided on the student identification card must be a  
3 telephone number that can be accessed for use twenty-four (24)  
4 hours a day and seven (7) days a week by a student or other  
5 individual. The board of school directors of a school district  
6 shall work with the school safety and security coordinator under  
7 section 1309-B to implement the requirements of this section.

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

10 Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

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

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

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

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

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

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