
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Connie Leyva, Chair

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Subject: Pupil and student health: identification cards: sexual assault and domestic violence hotline telephone numbers.

SUMMARY

This bill requires public and private schools that serve grades 7-12, and public and private institutions of higher education, that issue student identification cards to print on either side of the cards the telephone numbers for the National Sexual Assault Hotline, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

BACKGROUND

Existing law:

K-12 schools (grades 7-12)

- 1) Requires public schools (including charter schools) and private schools that serve grades 7-12 and that issue student identification cards to print on either side of the cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. (Education Code § 215.5)
- 2) Authorizes public schools (including charter schools) and private schools that serve grades 7-12 and that issue student identification cards to print on either side of the cards:
 - a) The Crisis Text Line.
 - b) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (EC § 215.5)

Postsecondary educational institutions

- 3) Requires a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to print on either side of the cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. (EC § 215.5)
- 4) Authorizes a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to print on either side of the cards:
 - a) The Crisis Text Line.

- b) The campus police or security telephone number, or the local non-emergency telephone number if the campus does not have a campus police or security number.
- c) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (EC § 215.5)

ANALYSIS

This bill, beginning July 1, 2020:

Public K-12 schools (grades 7-12)

- 1) Requires a public school, including a charter school, that serves any of grades 7-12 and that issues student identification cards to have printed on either side of the cards the following telephone numbers:
 - a) The National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-4673.
 - b) The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233.
 - c) A sexual or reproductive health hotline.

Private K-12 schools (grades 7-12)

- 2) Requires a private school that serves any of grades 7-12 and that issues student identification cards to have printed on either side of the cards the following telephone numbers:
 - a) The National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-4673.
 - b) The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233.

Public or non-sectarian private institution of higher education

- 3) Requires a public or non-sectarian institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to have printed on either side of the cards the following telephone numbers:
 - a) The National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-4673.
 - b) The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233.
 - c) A sexual or reproductive health hotline.
- 4) Authorizes a public or non-sectarian institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to have printed on either side of the cards the telephone number for a local sexual assault and domestic violence hotline that the institution deems appropriate.

Sectarian private institution of higher education

- 5) Requires a sectarian private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to have printed on either side of the cards the following telephone numbers:
 - a) The National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-4673.
 - b) The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233.
- 6) Authorizes schools or institutions of higher education that, as of January 1, 2020, have a supply of unissued identification cards that do not comply with the requirements of this bill to issue those cards until that supply is depleted.
- 7) Provides that this bill applies to student identification cards that are issued to a student for the first time, and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost identification card.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) ***Need for the bill.*** According to the author, “The unfortunate reality is that students at public and private schools alike must confront issues like sexual assault, domestic violence, and reproductive health. Resources that are dedicated to providing information, support, counseling, treatment, and more regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, and reproductive health are vitally important for our students. AB 624 makes this information more easily accessible by placing it on their ID where they can reference and use it regardless of whether they have a cell phone or if their internet usage is monitored by an abuser.”
- 2) ***Sexual or reproductive health hotline.*** This bill requires public schools that serve any of grades 7-12, and public or non-sectarian institutions of higher education, to include a telephone number for a sexual or reproductive health hotline. This bill does not specify an entity, such as Planned Parenthood, nor does this bill prohibit the inclusion of the telephone number to crisis pregnancy centers. Existing law requires all information relative to comprehensive sexual health education to be medically accurate and objective, and prohibits comprehensive sexual health education instruction and materials from teaching or promoting religious doctrine. *Should this bill require the sexual or reproductive health entity chosen by the school be required to provide only medically accurate and objective information that does not teach or promote religious doctrine?*
- 3) ***How much information can fit?*** Existing law requires schools and colleges to print at least one suicide prevention hotline number on either side of student identification cards. This bill would add two or three additional numbers. *The Committee may wish to consider, when reviewing any future proposals to require content to be printed on student ID cards, whether student ID cards can fit any text beyond the requirements of current law and this bill.*

- 4) ***Fiscal impact.*** According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, this bill would impose:
- a) Minor one-time Proposition 98 General Fund (GF) costs in the tens of thousands of dollars to reformat student identification cards for students in public schools (including charter schools).
 - b) Minor one-time Proposition 98 GF or GF costs in the low thousands of dollars to reformat student identification cards at all public postsecondary institutions.
- 5) ***Related legislation.*** SB 316 (Rubio) requires schools that serve grades 7 to 12, including charter schools and private schools, and public or private institutions of higher education, that issue student identification cards, to print the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline on either side of those identification cards. SB 316 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- 6) ***Prior legislation.*** AB 2390 (Harper, 2018) would have required schools that serve grades 7-12 that issue student identification cards to include on the card the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and the school's campus police or security telephone number. AB 2390 was never heard in the Senate.

AB 2391 (Harper, 2018) would have required a campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University, and requested a campus of the University of California or an independent institution of higher education, that issues student identification cards to include on the card the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line (or local numbers that the campus deems appropriate), and the campus police or security number. AB 2391 was never heard in the Senate.

SUPPORT

California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
 California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
 California Federation of Teachers
 California Medical Association
 California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
 California School Nurses Organization
 California Women's Law Center
 National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter

OPPOSITION

California Catholic Conference
 California Family Council
 California Right to Life Committee, Inc.
 Concerned Women for America of California
 Faith and Public Policy

William Jessup University

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