

JAN 15 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Mental health and suicide prevention hotlines;
5 student identification cards; penalty. (a) Except as provided
6 in subsection (b) and subject to subsection (c), beginning with
7 the 2025-2026 school year, each public and private school that
8 serves students in grades six through twelve and issues student
9 identification cards shall have printed on either side of the
10 student identification cards the following:

11 (1) The telephone and text number of the national 988
12 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988;

13 (2) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting
14 HOME to 741741; and

15 (3) The telephone or text numbers of state or local mental
16 health programs.



1 (b) If, as of January 1, 2025, a school subject to
2 subsection (a) has a supply of unissued student identification
3 cards that do not comply with the requirements of subsection
4 (a), the school may issue those student identification cards
5 until that supply is depleted.

6 (c) Subsection (a) shall apply for student identification
7 cards issued:

8 (1) For the first time to a student; and

9 (2) To replace a damaged or lost student identification
10 card.

11 (d) Any public or private school that knowingly violates
12 this section shall be fined not more than \$100 for each separate
13 offense. Any action taken to impose or collect the penalty
14 provided for in this subsection shall be considered a civil
15 action."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 37

Report Title:

Mental Health; Suicide Prevention; Hotlines; Student Identification Cards; Public Schools; Charter Schools; Private Schools; Penalty

Description:

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires all public and private schools that serve students in grades 6 through 12 and issue student identification cards to have information on mental health and suicide prevention hotlines printed on the student identification cards. Establishes exceptions and penalties.

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