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Short Title: North Carolina Student Lifeline Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	
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April 7, 2025	
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CR PHONE NUMBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER WAYS.	
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding the following ne	ew subdivision to
read: "(70) To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone	Number and the
"(70) To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone NC Peer Warmline Phone Number. – A local board of educ	
a policy to ensure all schools in the local school administra	
students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Life	-
Peer Warmline. The board shall verify that the phone number	
and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either	er phone number
has changed, schools shall use the updated phone number. U	nless an updated
phone number exists, the schools shall have the phrases "To	
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) issue	
grades six through 12. The text shall be in a conspic	
the student ID. The text may be printed on the ID or a Nothing in this subdivision requires a school to issue	
b. On the school website.	a student 1D.
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 c. On the home screen of any electronic device issued to d. On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or e. On a document during any suicide awareness activity f. On a document when the student registers to attend the 	
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SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new sub	division to read:
"(37) To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone nu	mber and the NC
Peer Warmline phone number. – The board of trustees shall	•
the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline a	
Warmline. The board shall verify that the phone numbers for	
the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either pl	
changed, the board shall use the updated phone number. U	-
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Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places:	TO TOUCH THE INC



1			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			On the school website.
6			On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
7		<u>d.</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
8			On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
9			On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
10			G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
11			dents the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Number and the NC Peer
12	— · <u>·</u>		- A charter school shall provide students the phone numbers for the
13			e and the NC Peer Warmline. The school shall verify that the phone
14			and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone
15			school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone
16			shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call
17		2 to /41/	741" and "To reach the NC Peer Warmline, call 855-733-7762" in the
18	<u>following places:</u>	On one	now student identification (student ID) issued to a student in smales
19 20	<u>(1)</u>		new student identification (student ID) issued to a student in grades
21			ugh 12. The text shall be in a conspicuous location on the student ID. t may be printed on the ID or affixed by sticker. Nothing in this
22			on requires a school to issue a student ID.
23	(2)		school website.
24	$\frac{(2)}{(3)}$		nome screen of any electronic device issued to students.
25	(<u>4)</u>		school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
26	$\frac{(4)}{(5)}$		cument during any suicide awareness activity.
27	<u>(6)</u>		cument when the student registers to attend the school."
28			G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
29			ide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC
30	<u>(23)</u>		armline phone number. – A regional school shall provide students the
31			umbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline.
32		-	nool shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the
33			ne are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has
34			I, the school shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated
35			umber exists, the school shall have the phrases "To reach the Suicide
36		-	sis Lifeline, call 988 or text HOME to 741741" and "To reach the NC
37			armline, call 855-733-7762" in the following places:
38			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
40			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		· -	On the school website.
43			On the home screen of any electronic device issued to students.
44		<u>c.</u> <u>d.</u>	On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.
45			On a document during any suicide awareness activity.
46		<u>e.</u> <u>G.</u>	On a document when the student registers to attend the school."
47	SECTI	ION 5.	G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
48	"(26)	To prov	ide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC
49			armline phone number A laboratory school shall provide students
50		the pho	ne numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer
51		Warmlin	ne. 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.
- d. 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.
- 51 (4) On any school agenda or calendar, whether digital or printed.

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