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Short Title: North Carolina Student Lifeline Act.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE
PHONE NUMBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS
WAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding the following new subdivision to read:

"(70) To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Number and the NC Peer Warmline Phone Number. – A local board of education shall adopt a policy to ensure all schools in the local school administrative unit provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The board shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, schools shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the schools 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.
- b. On the school website.
- c. 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.
- f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(37) To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC Peer Warmline phone number. – The board of trustees shall provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The 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 board shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the board 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.
- b. On the school website.
- c. 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.
- f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 3. G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(p) To Provide Students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone Number and the NC Peer Warmline Phone Number. – A charter 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 subsection 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 4. G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(23) To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC Peer Warmline phone number. – A regional 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:

- 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.
- b. On the school website.
- c. 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.
- f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 5. G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(26) To provide students the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number and the NC Peer Warmline phone number. – A laboratory 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:

- 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.
- b. On the school website.
- c. 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.
- f. 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.
- (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 8. G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(aa) The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt a policy requiring all community colleges to provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC 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 colleges shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the 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 following places:

(1) On any new student identification (student ID) issued. 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 subsection 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 9. G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(3d) The Board of Governors shall adopt a policy requiring all constituent institutions to provide students the phone numbers for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the NC Peer Warmline. The Board of Governors shall verify that the phone numbers for the Lifeline and the Warmline are current and accurate annually. If either phone number has changed, the constituent institutions shall use the updated phone number. Unless an updated phone number exists, the constituent institutions 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. 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.

b. On the school website.

c. 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.

f. On a document when the student registers to attend the school."

SECTION 10. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.