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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. White

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### SUMMARY

- Requires schools and higher education institutions to include the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline telephone number, 988, on student identification cards, student planners, and electronic portals.
- Clarifies that this requirement is limited to those the school provides or issues after the act's effective date and that the school may continue to use identification cards and planners that were printed before the act's effective date.
- Requires institutions of higher education to provide information about declarations for mental health treatment as part of the institution's student orientation, onboarding, or transfer materials and programs.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### National Suicide Lifeline telephone number

The bill requires schools and higher education institutions to include the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline telephone number, 988, or its successor, on certain items and electronic portals. More specifically, each city, local, and exempted village school district and chartered nonpublic school serving any of grades nine through twelve must include the telephone number on all of the following, if provided or used by the school:

- Each student identification card issued after the bill's effective date;
- Each planner issued to a student after the bill's effective date;
- Any electronic portal administered by the district or school that may be accessed by students.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.473.

Each state institution of higher education and each private college must include the telephone number on each student identification card issued after the bill's effective date and on any electronic portal administered by the state institution or private college that may be accessed by the students, if provided or used by the institution or college.<sup>2</sup>

The bill also clarifies that each of these schools may issue or provide student identification cards or planners that do not include the telephone number if the items were *printed* before the bill's effective date.<sup>3</sup> This applies even if the card or planner is *issued* after the bill's effective date.

Finally, the bill makes conforming changes in existing law regarding certain schools to reflect this new requirement, as described below:

R.C. Section	Description
R.C. 3313.03(A)(11)(d)	Specifies provisions that must be included in each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school (often referred to as a "charter school"), which includes a provision that the school must comply with the bill's requirement.
R.C. 3326.11	Requires each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school and its governing body to comply with the bill's requirement.
R.C. 3328.24	Requires each college preparatory boarding school and its board of trustees to comply with the bill's requirement.

## Information on declarations for mental health treatment

The bill requires each institution of higher education to provide new students and the students' parents or guardians information about declarations for mental health treatment as part of the state institution's student orientation, onboarding, or transfer materials and programs. Under existing law, an adult (declarant) who has the capacity to consent to mental health treatment decisions may execute a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of mental health treatment. The declarant may designate a person to act as a proxy to make decisions regarding mental health treatment pursuant to the declaration. A state institution must provide information on how to access and execute a declaration and considerations to determine whether a declaration would be beneficial to a student. The bill also requires the Chancellor of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to create a standard information sheet that institutions may use to convey this information.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3345.37(D) and 3345.371.

<sup>3</sup> Section 3.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3345.87; R.C. 2135.02, not in the bill.

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## HISTORY

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