
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 727 (Mark González) - Pupil and student safety: identification cards

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Bill Summary: This bill requires schools serving students in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and public institutions of higher education that issue student identification (ID) cards to include printed contact information for the Trevor Project's LGBTQ+ suicide hotline.

Fiscal Impact:

- The bill's requirement for K-12 school and community college districts could result in a reimbursable state mandate. The Chancellor's Office estimates one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs in the tens of thousands of dollars to reformat student ID cards at community college campuses. School districts serving students in grades seven through 12 are likely to incur similar one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs to reformat student ID cards at their schoolsites.
- The University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) indicate that any costs resulting from this measure would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

Background: Existing law requires a public school, including a charter school, or a private school that serves students in grades 7 to 12 and issues student ID cards, to print the following information on either side of the card: the telephone number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Existing law authorizes a public school, including a charter school, or a private school that serves students in grades 7 to 12, and issues student ID cards to print the following information on either side of the card: a quick response (QR) code that links to the mental health resources internet website of the county in which the public or private school is located.

Existing law requires a public or private institution of higher education that issues student ID cards to print the following information on either side of the card:

1. The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255.
2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or a local domestic violence hotline that provides confidential support services for students that have

experienced domestic violence or stalking and is available by telephone 24 hours a day.

Existing law authorizes a public or private institution of higher education that issues student ID cards to print the following information on either side of the card:

1. The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting 'HOME' to 741741.
2. The campus police or security telephone number or, if the campus does not have a campus police or security telephone number, the local nonemergency telephone number.
3. A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number.

Proposed Law: This bill requires, beginning July 1, 2026, public schools serving students in grades 7 to 12 and public institutions of higher education that issue student ID cards to include printed contact information for the Trevor Project's LGBTQ+ suicide hotline.

This bill makes findings and declarations on the prevalence of LGBTQ+ youth targeted bullying and states that the Legislature encourages school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide information on existing schoolsite and community resources to educate teachers, administrators, and other school staff on how to support LGBTQ+ and other pupils who may face anti-LGBTQ+ bias and bullying.

Related Legislation: SB 1063 (Grove, Chapter 642, Statutes of 2024) requires public and private schools serving students in grades 7 to 12 to print on the student ID card the URL for the local county mental health agency's website or a QR code beginning July 1, 2025.

SB 1378 (Min, 2024) would have required public and private schools that serve students in grades 7 to 12 and institutions of higher education that issue student ID cards to include the telephone number for the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for assistance related to Title IX. SB 1378 was held on the Suspense File in this Committee.

Staff Comments: Current law requires public and private institutions of higher education to include the telephone number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, with the option to provide the Crisis Text Line and a local suicide prevention line. It also requires public and private schools and institutions of higher education to include the telephone number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline or a local domestic violence hotline, as specified. Beginning July 1, 2025, schools will also be required to include the number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and may print a QR code or uniform resource locator (URL) directing students to the local county mental health agency's website. This information is in addition to a student's name, identification number, photo, barcode, school logo, or any other information that a school has deemed necessary to include. A student identification card is roughly the same size as a State Driver's license.

This bill would require student ID cards to also include printed information displaying the Trevor Project's suicide hotline and text line. The Trevor Project is a national suicide prevention and crisis intervention non-profit that specializes in providing support for LGBTQ+ young people.

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