
Education Committee

HB 2589

Brief Description: Requiring contact information for suicide prevention and crisis intervention organizations on student and staff identification cards.

Sponsors: Representatives Callan, Rude, Pollet, Orwall, Doglio, Steele, Kilduff, Caldier, Davis, Corry, Senn, Ybarra, Thai, Ramos, Ryu, Santos, Leavitt, Gildon, Bergquist, J. Johnson, Frame and Macri.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools (public and private) that issues student or staff identification cards to have printed on newly issued or replacement cards the following info: the contact information for a national suicide prevention organization; and the contact information for one or more campus, local, state, or national organizations specializing in suicide prevention, crisis intervention, or counseling, if available.

Hearing Date: 1/30/20

Staff: Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

Background:

The 2019-21 Omnibus Operating Budget directed the public institutions of higher education (the community and technical colleges, University of Washington, Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College) to include the phone number of a campus, local, state, or national suicide, crisis, or counseling hotline on the back of newly issued student and faculty identification cards starting in fall quarter 2019, or as soon as is practicable to implement.

Summary of Bill:

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The following schools must comply with the requirements described below if they issue student identification cards, staff identification cards, or both: public and private elementary and secondary schools; public institution of higher education as defined above; degree granting institutions accredited by the Washington Student Achievement Council; private vocational school; and licensed cosmetology, hair design, barbering, esthetics, master esthetics, manicuring.

The following information must be printed on newly issued and replacement student identification cards and staff identification cards:

- the contact information for a national suicide prevention organization; and
- the contact information for one or more campus, local, state, or national organizations specializing in suicide prevention, crisis intervention, or counseling, if available.

Unissued identification cards that do not meet this requirement can be issued until the supply is depleted or until June 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.