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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
 5 laws relating thereto," in duties and powers of boards of
 6 school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline
 7 telephone number on student identification card; and, in
 8 school safety and security, further providing for school
 9 safety and security coordinator.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 13 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
 14 section to read:

15 Section 529. Suicide Prevention Hotline Telephone Number on
 16 Student Identification Card.--The board of school directors of a
 17 school district that administers student identification cards to
 18 each student in grades six (6) through twelve (12) shall include
 19 on each identification card a National, State or local suicide
 20 prevention hotline telephone number printed on the
 21 identification card. The suicide prevention hotline telephone

1 number provided on the student identification card must be a
2 telephone number than can be accessed for use twenty-four (24)
3 hours a day and seven (7) days a week by a student or other
4 individual. The board of school directors of a school district
5 shall work with the school safety and security coordinator under
6 section 1309-B to implement the requirements of this section.

7 Section 2. Section 1309-B(c) of the act is amended by adding
8 a paragraph to read:

9 Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

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11 (c) Specific duties.--The school safety and security
12 coordinator shall:

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14 (7) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 529,
15 work with the board of school directors or equivalent
16 personnel of a school entity to display, in any of the
17 following locations, a National, State or local suicide
18 prevention hotline telephone number that can be accessed 24
19 hours a day and seven days a week by a student or other
20 individual:

21 (i) On the school entity's publicly accessible
22 Internet website.

23 (ii) In a conspicuous location in the school
24 entity's counselor's office or in the office of any
25 school employee of the school entity that is qualified to
26 act in a counseling role.

27 (iii) In a conspicuous location in the office of the
28 principal or chief administrator of the school entity.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.