

HOUSE BILL NO. 5482

February 11, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Schroeder, Hornberger, Vaupel, Paquette, Whiteford, Frederick, Crawford, Markkanen, Wozniak, O'Malley, Wakeman, Camilleri, Stone, Hall, Mueller, Filler, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Liberati, Calley, Clemente, Koleszar, Garrett, Afendoulis, Sowerby, LaGrand, Ellison, Whitsett, Witwer and Pohutsky and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to provide for certain requirements regarding suicide prevention for schools; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments; and to provide for the regulation of certain school employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "save



1 our students act".

2 Sec. 3. (1) The board of a school district or intermediate
3 school district or the board of directors of a public school
4 academy shall ensure that each school operated by the board or
5 board of directors that offers any of grades 6 to 12 and that
6 provides identification cards to pupils enrolled at the school
7 includes on each identification card provided to a pupil a local,
8 state, or national suicide prevention hotline telephone number
9 printed on it. The local, state, or national suicide prevention
10 hotline telephone number included on pupil identification cards as
11 described in this subsection must be a local, state, or national
12 suicide prevention hotline telephone number that can be accessed
13 for use 24 hours of each day and 7 days of each week by pupils who
14 attempt to utilize the hotline telephone number.

15 (2) For each school operated by the board of a school district
16 or intermediate school district or the board of directors of a
17 public school academy that offers any of grades 6 to 12, the board
18 or board of directors of that school is encouraged to display the
19 model information materials developed or adopted under subsection
20 (3) on or in any of the following:

21 (a) On the school's website homepage.

22 (b) In a conspicuous location in the school counselor's office
23 or in the office of any school employee of the school qualified to
24 act in a counseling role under section 1233 or 1233a of the revised
25 school code.

26 (c) In a conspicuous location in the office of the school
27 principal or chief administrator of the school.

28 (3) The department of health and human services shall develop
29 or adopt model information materials regarding suicide prevention



1 services, suicide, depression, and anxiety for the purposes under
2 subsection (2) and shall, upon request by a school district,
3 intermediate school district, or public school academy, provide the
4 model information materials to the requesting school district,
5 intermediate school district, or public school academy.

6 Sec. 5. As used in this act:

7 (a) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined
8 in section 4 of the revised school code.

9 (b) "Public school academy" means that term as defined in
10 section 5 of the revised school code.

11 (c) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6
12 of the revised school code.

13 (d) "The revised school code" means the revised school code,
14 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

