SAVE OUR STUDENTS ACT

Act 211 of 2020

AN ACT to provide for certain requirements regarding suicide prevention for schools; to prescribe the 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.

History: 2020, Act 211, Imd. Eff. Oct. 15, 2020

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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380.1891 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "save our students act".

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380.1893 School district, intermediate school district, and public school academy; Identification cards for grades 6 to 12; national suicide prevention hotline telephone number; display of model information materials; liability

Sec. 3.

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

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

(a) The school's website homepage.

(b) A conspicuous location in the school counselor's office or the office of any school employee of the school qualified to act in a counseling role under section 1233 or 1233a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1233 and 380.1233a.

(c) A conspicuous location in the office of the school principal or chief administrator of the school.

(3) The department of health and human services shall develop or adopt model information materials regarding suicide prevention services, suicide, depression, and anxiety for the purposes under subsection (2) and shall, upon request by a school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy, provide the model information materials to the requesting school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy.

(4) A school district, intermediate school district, public school academy, public school, a board member of a board of a school district or intermediate school district or his or her designee, or a board of directors member of a board of directors of a public school academy or his or her designee is not liable in a criminal action or for civil

damages arising from the failure to include a local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline telephone number on pupil identification cards as required under subsection (1). This subsection does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a person described under this subsection may have under other state law.

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380.1895 Definitions.

Sec. 5.

As used in this act:

(a) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined in section 4 of the revised school code, MCL 380.4.

(b) "Public school" and "public school academy" mean those terms as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5.

(c) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6 of the revised school code, MCL 380.6.

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

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