



State of Wisconsin
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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 531

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 118.169; and *to create* 39.54, 118.169 (title)
2 and 118.169 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring that student
3 identification cards include contact information for suicide prevention hotlines.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 39.54 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **39.54 Information on student identification cards.** (1) **DEFINITION.** In
6 this section, “institution of higher education” means an institution or college campus
7 within the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college under ch. 38.
8 **(2) SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS.** (a) If an
9 institution of higher education issues identification cards to students, the institution
10 of higher education shall include on each identification card issued to a student the

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1 telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or one of its affiliate
2 crisis centers or, if the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases operations,
3 another national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential
4 emotional support to individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a
5 day and 7 days a week. The institution of higher education may also include on the
6 identification card any of the following information:

7 1. A statement that the text-based emotional support service of the Crisis Text
8 Line may be accessed by texting HOPELINE to 741741 or, if applicable, by specifying
9 any successor method.

10 2. Instructions for contacting a text-based state or national organization, other
11 than the organization described under subd. 1., that provides free support to
12 individuals in crisis 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

13 3. The telephone number for a local suicide prevention hotline.

14 (b) An institution of higher education may include the information described
15 under par. (a) on student identification cards by printing the information on, or by
16 affixing a sticker that contains the information to, the identification cards.

17 **SECTION 2.** 118.169 (title) of the statutes is created to read:

18 **118.169 (title) Pupil identification.**

19 **SECTION 3.** 118.169 of the statutes is renumbered 118.169 (1) and amended to
20 read:

21 118.169 (1) ~~PUPIL IDENTIFICATION~~ IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. A school board, and
22 the governing body of a private school, may assign to each pupil enrolled in the school
23 district or private school a unique identification number. The school board or
24 governing body shall may not assign to any pupil an identification number that is
25 identical to or incorporates the pupil's social security number. This section

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1 subsection does not prohibit a school board or governing body from requiring a pupil
2 to disclose ~~his or her~~ the pupil's social security number, nor from using a student's
3 pupil's social security number if ~~such~~ the use is required by a federal or state agency
4 or private organization in order for the school district or private school to participate
5 in a particular program.

6 **SECTION 4.** 118.169 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

7 118.169 (2) IDENTIFICATION CARDS. (a) If a school board or operator of a charter
8 school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) issues identification cards to pupils, the school
9 board or operator shall include on each identification card issued to a pupil the
10 telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or one of its affiliate
11 crisis centers or, if the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases operations,
12 another national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential
13 emotional support to individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a
14 day and 7 days a week. The school board or operator may also include on the
15 identification card any of the following information:

16 1. A statement that the text-based emotional support service of the Crisis Text
17 Line may be accessed by texting HOPELINE to 741741 or, if applicable, by specifying
18 any successor method.

19 2. Instructions for contacting a text-based state or national organization, other
20 than the organization described under subd. 1., that provides free support to
21 individuals in crisis 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

22 3. The telephone number for a local suicide prevention hotline.

23 (b) A school board or operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) may
24 include the information described under par. (a) on pupil identification cards by

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1 printing the information on, or by affixing a sticker that contains the information to,
2 the identification cards.

3 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) Notwithstanding s. 39.54 (2), if, on the effective date of this subsection, an
5 institution of higher education, as defined in s. 39.54 (1), that issues identification
6 cards to students has a supply of unissued identification cards that do not comply
7 with the requirements under s. 39.54 (2), the institution of higher education may
8 continue issuing identification cards from the supply until the supply is depleted.

9 (2) Notwithstanding s. 118.169 (2), if, on the effective date of this subsection,
10 a school board or operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) that issues
11 identification cards to pupils has a supply of unissued identification cards that do not
12 comply with the requirements under s. 118.169 (2), the school board or operator may
13 continue issuing identification cards from the supply until the supply is depleted.

14 **SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) The treatment of ss. 39.54 and 118.169 (2) first applies to an identification
16 card issued on the effective date of this subsection.

17 **SECTION 7. Effective date.**

18 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2020.

19 (END)