

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 531

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## 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 116

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 39.54 of the statutes is created to read:

**39.54 Information on student identification cards.**

(1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, "institution of higher education" means an institution or college campus within the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college under ch. 38.

(2) **SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS.** (a) If an institution of higher education issues identification cards to students, the institution of higher education shall include on each identification card issued to a student the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or one of its affiliate crisis centers or, if the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases operations, another national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The institution of higher education may also include on the identification card any of the following information:

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

2. Instructions for contacting a text-based state or national organization, other than the organization

described under subd. 1., that provides free support to individuals in crisis 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

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

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

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

**118.169 (title) Pupil identification.**

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

118.169 (1) ~~PUPIL IDENTIFICATION~~ **IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.** A school board, and the governing body of a private school, may assign to each pupil enrolled in the school district or private school a unique identification number. The school board or governing body ~~shall~~ may not assign to any pupil an identification number that is identical to or incorporates the pupil's social security number. This ~~section~~ subsection does not prohibit a school board or governing body from requiring a pupil to disclose ~~his or her~~ the pupil's social security number, nor from using a ~~student's~~ pupil's social security number if ~~such~~ the use is required by a federal or state agency or pri-

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

vate organization in order for the school district or private school to participate in a particular program.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) A school board or operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) may include the information described under par. (a) on pupil identification cards by printing the information on, or by affixing a sticker that contains the information to, the identification cards.

**SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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

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

**SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

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

**SECTION 7. Effective date.**

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

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