

Chapter 212

(Senate Bill 405)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Student Identification Cards – Required Information

FOR the purpose of requiring each institution of higher education to provide the telephone number for a certain mental health crisis hotline or crisis center on student identification cards, subject to a certain condition; authorizing an institution of higher education to provide the telephone numbers for certain mental health crisis hotlines on student identification cards, subject to a certain condition; providing that an institution of higher education is not required to reprint or reissue student identification cards in use on the effective date of this Act in order to comply with this Act; providing that student identification cards that are printed before the effective date of this Act will be in compliance with this Act if the cards are issued to students within a certain time period; and generally relating to required information on student identification cards.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education**15–126.**

IF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDES AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO STUDENTS, THE INSTITUTION:

(1) SHALL PROVIDE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARYLAND’S HELPLINE , OR AN ON–CAMPUS CRISIS CENTER THAT OPERATES 24 HOURS A DAY AND 365 DAYS A YEAR, ON THE CARD OR ON A STICKER AFFIXED TO THE CARD; AND

(2) MAY ALSO PROVIDE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE, THE CRISIS TEXT LINE, THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE, OR ~~AN ON–CAMPUS CRISIS CENTER ON THE CARD~~, ANY ON–CAMPUS CRISIS CENTER ON THE CARD OR ON A STICKER AFFIXED TO THE CARD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an institution of higher education is not required to reprint or reissue student identification cards in use on the effective date of this Act in order to comply with this Act. Any student identification cards that were printed, but not issued, before the effective date of this Act will be in compliance with this Act if the cards are issued to students not later than 18 months after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.