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Senate Bill 405

(Senator Augustine)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Appropriations

Higher Education - Student Identification Cards - Required Information

This bill requires institutions of higher education to 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, directly on student identification cards (or a sticker affixed to the card), if the institution provides such a card. Additionally, the bill permits institutions to provide numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, National Domestic Violence Hotline, or any on-campus crisis center on student identification cards. The bill does not require institutions to reissue or reprint student identification cards in use on the effective date of the bill or to reprint cards that were printed but not issued before the effective date of the bill. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State institutions of higher education can design new student identification cards with existing resources, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: Local community colleges can likely design new student identification cards with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: No current law requires institutions of higher education to provide information on a student identification card. A public institution of higher education may not print or have printed an employee's or a student's Social Security number on any type of identification card.

Chapter 446 of 2010 required each local board of education to provide each student in grades 6 through 12 with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by (1) printing the number prominently in the school handbook and (2) printing the telephone number on a student's school identification card, if provided.

State Expenditures: University System of Maryland institutions and St. Mary's College of Maryland advise that redesigning student identification cards requires a one-time cost of \$2,000 to \$3,000 at each institution. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) advises that this one-time cost can likely be absorbed within existing resources at public institutions of higher education. Towson University advises that replacing all "TU One Cards" (the university identification cards) would cost \$45,000. However, DLS advises that the bill does not require institutions of higher education to *replace existing* identification cards that do not have the required information.

Additional Comments: Independent nonprofit four-year institutions of higher education incur one-time costs to comply with the bill, which can likely be absorbed within existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 466 (Delegate Palakovich Carr) - Appropriations.

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