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HOUSE BILL NO. 392

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SCHOOLS: Provides relative to requirements for posting suicide hotline information on school websites and student ID cards

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:282.4(F), relative to suicide prevention programs for students;
3 to provide relative to information required to be shared on school websites and
4 student identification cards; to revise the content of the information; to authorize
5 such information to be included in student handbooks; to broaden applicability of
6 requirements; to require signage at schools about the national suicide prevention
7 hotline number and a state suicide prevention website; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Suicide
11 Prevention Awareness Act.

12 Section 2. R.S. 17:282.4(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §282.4. Youth suicide prevention programs; student safety and violence and social
14 isolation prevention training; policies; intent; rules; services; funding

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1 F.(1) Each public and approved nonpublic ~~secondary~~ middle school and high
2 school shall post on its website and may include in its student handbook the
3 following information:

4 (a) The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline hotline number, "988", with an
5 explanation that this number may be called or texted.

6 (b) A local suicide prevention hotline number, if available, and a state
7 suicide prevention hotline number, if available.

8 (c) A link to Louisiana988.org, a suicide prevention initiative of the
9 Louisiana Department of Health.

10 (2) The governing authority of each public and approved nonpublic
11 ~~secondary~~ middle school and high school that issues student identification cards shall
12 have printed on the cards the information provided in Subparagraphs (1)(a) and (b)
13 of this Subsection.

14 (3)(a) Each middle school and high school that receives federal funds shall
15 post signage to inform students about the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
16 hotline number, "988", with an explanation that this number may be called or texted.
17 The signage shall include a brief message encouraging students experiencing
18 emotional distress to seek help as well as an explanation that the hotline is free,
19 confidential, and available twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

20 (b) The signage shall also include information about Louisiana988.org and
21 an explanation that additional information and resources, including the ability to chat
22 online, are available at this website.

23 (c) The signage shall be placed in locations easily visible to students such as
24 school entrances and exits, student common areas, school counselor offices, school
25 nurse offices, near restrooms and locker rooms, and digital school bulletin boards if
26 available.

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DIGEST

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HB 392 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for posting suicide prevention hotline information on school websites and student ID cards and authorizes such information to be included in student handbooks.

Present law requires each secondary school to post a national suicide prevention hotline number, 988, and a local suicide prevention hotline number, if available, on its website. Proposed law broadens the application of this requirement to both middle schools and high schools and additionally requires an explanation that 988 may be called or texted; the inclusion of a state suicide prevention hotline number, if available; and a link to Louisiana988.org, a suicide prevention initiative of the La. Dept. of Health. Proposed law further authorizes such schools to include such information in student handbooks.

Present law requires each secondary school that issues ID cards to include 988 and a local hotline number, if available, on the back of the cards. Proposed law broadens the application of this requirement to both middle schools and high schools and additionally requires an explanation that 988 may be called or texted and the inclusion of a state hotline number, if available.

Proposed law adds that each middle and high school that receives federal funds shall post signage in easily visible locations to inform students about the national suicide prevention hotline number, 988, and information about Louisiana988.org.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Suicide Prevention Awareness Act".

(Amends R.S. 17:282.4(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add a requirement that school websites include a link to Louisiana988.org.
2. Add a requirement that schools post signage about 988 and Louisiana988.org.
3. Add that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Suicide Prevention Awareness Act".

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add authorization for schools to include suicide prevention hotline information in student handbooks.