

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5482**

A bill to provide for certain requirements regarding suicide prevention for schools; to prescribe the rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments; and to provide for the regulation of certain school employees.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "save  
2 our students act".

3           Sec. 3. (1) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this  
4 act, the board of a school district or intermediate school district  
5 or the board of directors of a public school academy shall ensure



1 that each school operated by the board or board of directors that  
2 offers any of grades 6 to 12 and that provides identification cards  
3 to pupils enrolled at the school includes on each identification  
4 card provided to a pupil a local, state, or national suicide  
5 prevention hotline telephone number printed on it. The local,  
6 state, or national suicide prevention hotline telephone number  
7 included on pupil identification cards as described in this  
8 subsection must be a local, state, or national suicide prevention  
9 hotline telephone number that can be accessed for use 24 hours of  
10 each day and 7 days of each week by pupils who attempt to utilize  
11 the hotline telephone number.

12 (2) For each school operated by the board of a school district  
13 or intermediate school district or the board of directors of a  
14 public school academy that offers any of grades 6 to 12, the board  
15 or board of directors that operates that school is encouraged to  
16 display the model information materials developed or adopted under  
17 subsection (3) on or in any of the following:

18 (a) The school's website homepage.

19 (b) A conspicuous location in the school counselor's office or  
20 the office of any school employee of the school qualified to act in  
21 a counseling role under section 1233 or 1233a of the revised school  
22 code, MCL 380.1233 and 380.1233a.

23 (c) A conspicuous location in the office of the school  
24 principal or chief administrator of the school.

25 (3) The department of health and human services shall develop  
26 or adopt model information materials regarding suicide prevention  
27 services, suicide, depression, and anxiety for the purposes under  
28 subsection (2) and shall, upon request by a school district,  
29 intermediate school district, or public school academy, provide the



1 model information materials to the requesting school district,  
2 intermediate school district, or public school academy.

3 (4) A school district, intermediate school district, public  
4 school academy, public school, a board member of a board of a  
5 school district or intermediate school district or his or her  
6 designee, or a board of directors member of a board of directors of  
7 a public school academy or his or her designee is not liable in a  
8 criminal action or for civil damages arising from the failure to  
9 include a local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline  
10 telephone number on pupil identification cards as required under  
11 subsection (1). This subsection does not eliminate, limit, or  
12 reduce any other immunity or defense that a person described under  
13 this subsection may have under other state law.

14 Sec. 5. As used in this act:

15 (a) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined  
16 in section 4 of the revised school code, MCL 380.4.

17 (b) "Public school academy" means that term as defined in  
18 section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5.

19 (c) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6  
20 of the revised school code, MCL 380.6.

21 (d) "The revised school code" means the revised school code,  
22 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

