

REGULAR CALENDAR

April 26, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Education to which was referred SB
234,**

**AN ACT requiring student identification cards to
include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the
following amendment, and the recommendation that
the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	SB 234
Title:	requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
Date:	April 26, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-1801h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, suicide is the second leading cause of death in young people aged 10-34. As stated by the Governor, “these worrying recent trends have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.” This bill, as amended, is written to provide the resources to New Hampshire’s students by requiring schools and post-secondary education who issue student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and the three-digit national emergency number, 988, that will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, needed prevention, crisis resources, and best practices for professionals in the United States. States across the country have already taken this step, such as South Carolina, Arizona, Illinois, and California. This act shall be known as the Jason Dickey Suicide Prevention Act. Please support the unanimous recommendation of the committee making the Lifeline more accessible to our young people.

Vote 18-0.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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House Education
April 26, 2022
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Amendment to SB 234

1 Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following new section and renumbering the
2 original sections 1-3 to read as 2-4, respectively:

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4 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Jason Dickey Suicide Prevention Act.

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6 Amend RSA 193-J:2-a, IV as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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8 IV. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline shall be labeled on student identification cards
9 and include the telephone number: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 or 988.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 234

BILL TITLE: requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

DATE: April 26, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Ladd

Seconded by Rep. Myler

AM Vote:

Amendment # 2022-1739h

Moved by Rep. Ladd

Seconded by Rep. Myler

Vote: 18-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # SB 234

BILL TITLE: requiring student i.d. cards to include the Nat'l Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
DATE: 4/26/22
LOB ROOM: 207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____
- Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Ladd Seconded by Rep. Myler Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: [Signature]
Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

Nelson had left for final vote, that's why 18-0



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: SB 234 Motion: OTP AM #: 1739h Exec Session Date: 4/26/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	1		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	2		
Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk	3		
Boehm, Ralph G.	4		
Lekas, Alicia D.	5		
Moffett, Michael	6		
Hobson, Deborah L.	7		
Ford, Oliver J.	8		
Soti, Julius F.	9		
Nelson, Bill G.			
Myler, Mel-Walz, Mary Beth Rep Myler, Mel	10		
Luneau, David J.	11		
Gornell, Patricia Rep Sullivan, Brian	12		
Tanner, Linda L.	13		
Ellison, Arthur S.	14		
Mullen, Sue M.	15		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	16		
Porter, Marjorie Lane, Connie	17		
A. Hall, Muriel C.	18		
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TOTAL VOTE:	19	0	



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: SB 234 Motion: OTP/A AM #: 1739h Exec Session Date: 4/24/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman <i>105</i>	18		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman <i>19</i>	1		
Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk	2		
Boehm, Ralph G.	3		
Lekas, Alicia D.	4		
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TOTAL VOTE:	18	0	

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill SB234 on 2022-04-06

Support: 13 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Ward, Senator Ruth	Stoddard, NH ruth.ward@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	senate district 8	Support	No	No	3/28/2022 2:43 PM
Ward, Senator	Stoddard, NH ruth.ward@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	senate district 8	Support	No	No	3/29/2022 3:29 PM
Trudel, Karen	Penacook, NH tktrudel1@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/1/2022 9:03 PM
Manseau, Joline	Hollis, NH joline.manseau@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/1/2022 9:29 PM
Seifert, Bernadette	Sunapee, NH bernieseifert@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/4/2022 6:54 AM
Welch, Kristen	Somersworth, NH kwelch924@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/4/2022 8:37 AM
Hanenberg, Candace	Goffstown, NH, NH candace.hanenberg@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/4/2022 11:20 AM
Hennessey, Erin	Senate District 1, NH peter.oneill@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 9:01 AM
Rosenberger, Teresa	Manchester, NH trosenberger@bssn.com	A Lobbyist	Brain Injury Association of NH	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 6:08 PM
Cronin, Thomas	Durham, NH thomas.cronin@unh.edu	State Agency Staff	The University System of New Hampshire	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 7:16 PM
Rembis, Lea	Windham, NH rembis4@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 8:43 PM
Sevigny, Emma	Concord, NH esevigny@new-futures.org	A Lobbyist	New Futures	Support	No	No	4/6/2022 9:32 AM
St. John, Michelle	Hollis, NH stjohnmichelle@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/6/2022 10:14 AM

Michelle St. John

My name is Michelle St. John and I live in Hollis, N.H. I support SB234 as someone who has experienced the tragedy of a teen suicide. My oldest son's best friend committed suicide in November of 2021. We are still reeling from the loss of this bright, funny young man. We need to provide access for help in as many ways as possible. This simple step may help other young people who are struggling, who do not feel comfortable reaching out to someone they know while in crisis.

Thank you for your consideration. Michelle St. John
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stjohnmichelle@gmail.com



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 6, 2022

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

Up to one in five children ages 3-17 in the United States have a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder.¹ A recent study by the CDC found that the national suicide rate for people ages 10-24 increased by 57% between 2007-2018.² According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, suicide is the second leading cause of death in young people aged 10-34.³ These worrying recent trends have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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I hope this committee will join me in supporting SB 234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

¹Children's Mental Health. <https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/data.html>

²State Suicide Rates Among Adolescents and Young Adults Aged 10-24: United States, 2000-2018. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr69/nvsr-69-11-508.pdf>

³ Suicide is a Leading Cause of Death in the United States. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide>



SB 234

new hampshire

WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation invests in equality and opportunity for New Hampshire women and girls through research, education, advocacy, and grantmaking.

To: Chairman Rick Ladd and members of the House Education Committee
Re: Testimony for SB 234, requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Life-line
Date: April 6, 2022
Position: Ought to pass

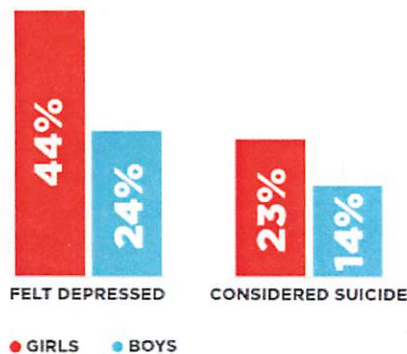
We respectfully encourage the Committee to recommend SB 234 Ought to Pass because the addition of the National Suicide Prevention Life-line to student ID cards will save lives, and girls, in particular, will be supported with this addition because girls have higher rates of depression, higher rates of considering suicide, and higher rates of making a plan to attempt suicide than their male peers.

Girls' Mental Health

New Hampshire girls are more likely to suffer from poor mental health than boys.¹ Girls living in the Winnepesaukee and Greater Sullivan regions have the greatest depression and suicide consideration rates.² Certain groups of girls of color are more likely to feel depressed and to consider suicide.³ Teens with poor mental health are at increased risk of a myriad of adverse effects such as drug or substance use, poor academic performance, and low self-esteem.⁴

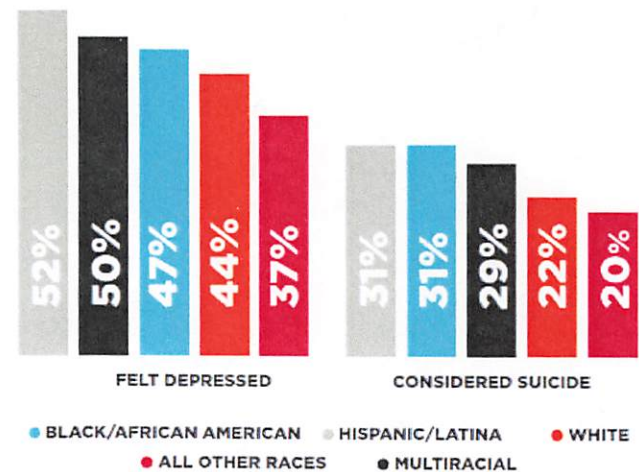
DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE CONSIDERATION BY GENDER

New Hampshire Department of Health Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2019, Question 25 & 26.



GIRLS DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE CONSIDERATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

New Hampshire Department of Education, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2019, Question 25 & 26.



^{1,2,3} New Hampshire Department of Education. "Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Question 25 & 26." 2019.

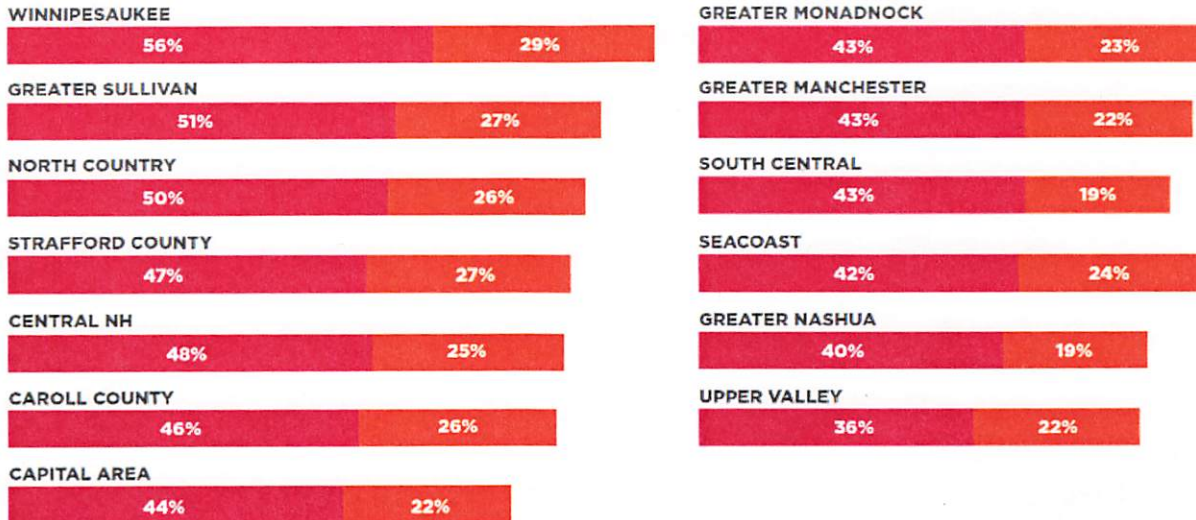
⁴ World Health Organization. "Adolescent Mental Health."

2020. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/adolescent-mental-health>.

GIRLS DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE CONSIDERATION BY REGION

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2019, Question 25 & 26.

● FELT DEPRESSED ● CONSIDERED SUICIDE



These numbers are from 2019 — before the pandemic, when youth were frequently learning from home and isolated from their peers. We anticipate these rates to increase once we have data for 2020 and 2021. Any effort to give youth the resources they need to support their mental health, and, in the case of the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, to save their lives, is a good one. This may seem like a small change, but for some, it may make all the difference in the world.

Conclusion

Knowledge of and access to a support like the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can save the lives of youth, particularly girls, girls of color, and girls in certain rural areas of the state, who have very high rates of depression and considering suicide. We respectfully urge the Committee to recommend SB 234 Ought to Pass.



NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness

New Hampshire

April 6, 2022

Honorable Chair Rick Ladd
House Education Committee
Legislate Office Building Room 207
North Main St., Concord, NH 03301

RE: NAMI NH Support for SB 234

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Holly Stevens, and I am the Director of Public Policy at NAMI NH, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI NH is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization whose mission is to improve the lives of all people impacted by mental illness and suicide through support, education and advocacy. On behalf of NAMI NH, I am here today to speak in favor of SB 234, requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Over the past decade, already high suicide rates have been rising in the United States and in New Hampshire. Below is a chart detailing the leading causes of death in the US. This chart is the product of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It shows that the second leading cause of death for 10-24-year-old individuals is suicide. This is the exact age range that this legislation is targeting.



NH Leading Causes of Death: 2015-2019

Rank	Age Groups											All Ages
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
1	Short Gestation Wt	Unintentional Injury	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms	Unintentional Injury	Unintentional Injury	Unintentional Injury	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms
2	Congenital Anomalies	Congenital Anomalies	Unintentional Injury	Unintentional Injury	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Unintentional Injury	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease
3	Maternal Pregnancy Comp	Homicide	Homicide	Unintentional Injury	Heart Disease	Malignant Neoplasms	Stroke	Heart Disease	Unintentional Injury	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Unintentional Injury	Heart Disease
4	Pneumonia	Influenza & Pneumonia	Benign Neoplasms	Congenital Anomalies	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Stroke	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Alzheimer's Disease	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease
5	Respiratory Disease	Malignant Neoplasms	Congenital Anomalies	Benign Neoplasms	Homicide	Liver Disease	Liver Disease	Liver Disease	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus	Cerebrovascular Disease	Cerebrovascular Disease
6	Circulatory System Disease	Diabetes Mellitus	Heart Disease	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Stroke	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus	Liver Disease	Unintentional Injury	Alzheimer's Disease	Alzheimer's Disease
7	Influenza & Pneumonia	Heart Disease	Acute Bronchitis	Influenza & Pneumonia	Congenital Anomalies	Cerebrovascular Disease	Homicide	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Homicide	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus
8	Bacterial Septicemia	---	Diseases Of Appendix	Nephritis	Cerebrovascular Disease	Congenital Anomalies	Cerebrovascular Disease	Cerebrovascular Disease	Cerebrovascular Disease	Influenza & Pneumonia	Homicide	Homicide
9	Unintentional Injury	---	---	Pneumonia	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Septicemia	Nephritis	Nephritis	Nephritis	Influenza & Pneumonia
10	SIDS	---	---	---	Four Tied	Two Tied	Congenital Anomalies	Congenital Anomalies	Septicemia	Parkinson's Disease	Nephritis	Nephritis

Source: CDC WISQARS, 2014 - 2018

NAMI New Hampshire

Additionally, according to Health Affairs, between 2007 and 2018, suicide increased 57.4 percent in 10-24-year-olds. In one survey of high school students, one in three youth reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness and one in five had seriously considered suicide.¹ More precisely, results from the 2019 Youth Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System show that 18.8% of high

¹ "Understanding Suicide Risk And Prevention," Health Affairs Health Policy Brief, January 29, 2021.

Find Help, Find Hope.

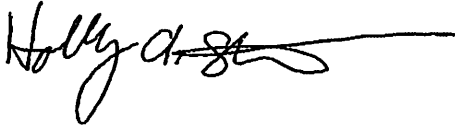
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school students seriously considered attempting suicide and 8.9% attempted suicide.

SB 234 offers a simple solution that has the potential to save lives. Suicide phone lines provide timely and constant access to a resource that provides support and comfort to those who are actively suicidal. Printing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on the back of a student identification card is a great way to assure that this age group has access to this very important resource. For these reasons, NAMI NH urges the committee vote to recommend ought to pass for SB 234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly A. Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Holly A. Stevens, Esq.



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To: ~House Education Committee
Cc: [Megan Stone](#); lindsey.oestreich@leg.state.nh.us
Subject: Senate Bill 234 - Letter of Support from Governor Sununu
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[SB 234 Letter of Support to Committee 4-6-22.pdf](#) 

Good morning, Chairman Ladd and Members of House Education Committee,

Please find attached a letter from Governor Sununu in support of Senate Bill 234.

If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

All the best,
Jonathan

Jonathan A. Melanson
Legislative Director
Office of Governor Christopher T. Sununu
NH State House
107 N. Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
Phone - (603) 271-2121

SB 234 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2022 SESSION

22-2905

10/05

SENATE BILL **234**

AN ACT requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 6

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires student identification cards for public schools and institutions of higher education include the telephone number for the suicide prevention lifeline.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Suicide Prevention; Public School Identification Cards. Amend RSA 193-J by
2 inserting after section 2 the following new section:

3 193-J:2-a Public School Identification Cards.

4 I. Each school district and chartered public school that serves any students in grades 6
5 through 12 that issues student identification cards shall include on either side of the cards the
6 telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

7 II. The requirement in paragraph I shall apply to any student identification card issued for
8 the first time or for replacement cards issued for damaged or lost student identification cards after
9 the effective date of this section.

10 III. Public schools and charter schools issuing student identification cards pursuant to this
11 section shall annually and prior to the start of each school year certify to their respective governing
12 bodies that the contact information being included on student identification cards for the National
13 Suicide Prevention Lifeline is accurate and up to date.

14 IV. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline shall be labeled on student identification cards
15 as the Mental Health Support Line.

16 2 New Chapter; Suicide Prevention in Higher Education. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter
17 188-H the following new chapter:

18 CHAPTER 188-I

19 SUICIDE PREVENTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

20 188-I:1 Student Identification Cards.

21 I. Each institution of higher education shall adopt a policy implementing the requirement
22 that student identification cards shall include on either side of the cards the telephone number for
23 the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

24 II. The requirement in paragraph I shall apply to any student identification card issued for
25 the first time or for replacement cards issued for damaged or lost student identification cards after
26 the effective date of this section.

27 III. Public and private institutions of higher learning that issue student identification cards,
28 including the institutions of the university system of New Hampshire, the community college
29 system, and private higher education institutions regulated by the higher education commission
30 under RSA 21-N:8-a, II, shall comply with the requirement in paragraph I by including on either

SB 234 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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1 side of the student identification cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention
2 Lifeline.

3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 31, 2022.