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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Connie Leyva, Chair

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**Bill No:** SB 316 **Hearing Date:** March 27, 2019  
**Author:** Rubio  
**Version:** February 15, 2019  
**Urgency:** No **Fiscal:** No  
**Consultant:** Brandon Darnell

**Subject:** Pupil safety: identification cards: domestic violence hotline telephone numbers.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires a public school that serves pupils in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, and that issues pupil identification cards, to print the telephone number for a domestic violence hotline on the back of the pupil identification cards.

## BACKGROUND

Existing law:

- 1) Requires public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and public or private institutions of higher education, that issue pupil or student identification cards, to print “the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255” on either side of the identification cards. (Education Code § 215.5)
- 2) Authorizes public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and that issue pupil identification cards, to print either of the following on either side of the pupil identification cards:
  - a) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741.
  - b) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (EC § 215.5)
- 3) Authorizes public or private institutions of higher education that issue student identification cards to print either of the following on either side of the student identification cards:
  - a) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741.
  - b) The campus police or security telephone number or, if the campus does not have campus police or security telephone number, the local nonemergency telephone number.
  - c) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (EC § 215.5)

- 4) Requires public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and public or private institutions of higher education, that are subject to the requirement in (1) but has a supply of unissued pupil or student identification cards that do not comply with those requirements, to issue those pupil or student identification cards until that supply is depleted. (EC § 215.5)

## ANALYSIS

This bill requires a public school that serves pupils in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, and that issues pupil identification cards, to print the telephone number for a domestic violence hotline on the back of the pupil identification cards.

## STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) ***Need for the bill.*** According to the author, “Domestic violence in teenage relationships has unfortunately become increasingly common. The younger generation of people have limited relationship experience, and it is often that a student facing a violent relationship in high school can also lead to future college relationships being unhealthy too. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported in its publication “Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships” that one in four adolescents – every year – claim to have been verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually abused by a dating partner. Teenage survivors of domestic violence suffer lasting consequences from the abuse. They often decide to miss school or drop out.”
- 2) ***Author’s amendments.*** The author would like to amend the bill to do each of the following:
  - a) Specifically reference “the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7299,” instead of the general reference to a domestic violence hotline.
  - b) Apply the bill’s requirements to public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and to public or private institutions of higher education, that issue student identification cards, and have all of the bill’s provisions take effect commencing July 1, 2020.
  - c) Authorize public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and that issue student identification cards, to also print on either side: “The Teenage Domestic Violence Hotline, which can be accessed by texting LOVEIS to 22522.”
  - d) Move all of the bill’s provisions, including these proposed amendments, to Education Code Section 215.5, which list other numbers to be included on pupil and student identification cards.

***Staff recommends that the bill be amended to reflect the author’s intent.***

- 3) **Concerning statistics.** As noted the CDC, “among high school students who dated, 21 percent of females and 10 percent of males experienced physical and/or sexual dating violence. Among adult victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, 22 percent of women and 15 percent of men first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.” The author notes that teenage survivors of domestic violence suffer lasting consequences from the abuse, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supports this understanding, stating that “youth who are victims are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety, engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, or exhibit antisocial behaviors and think about suicide. Youth who are victims of dating violence in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college.”

The college statistics lay bare these concerns. As noted by the author, college-aged women (between 16-24) have the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence. 21 percent of college students report having experienced dating violence by a current partner, and 32 percent of college students report experiencing dating violence by a previous partner.

- 4) **Other sources.** This bill requires the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline to be printed on the back of student identification cards, but students may also find this information online. While pupils and students may otherwise see this information only sporadically or after searching online, by printing these numbers on student identification cards, students will have immediate and confidential access to these numbers because students typically have their identification cards on their persons.
- 5) **Related and previous legislation.** AB 624 (Gabriel, 2019) would require public schools, including charter schools, and private schools, that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and public or private institutions of higher education, that issue pupil or student identification cards, to print the telephone numbers for the National Sexual Assault Hotline, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and a sexual or reproductive health hotline.

SB 972 (Portantino, Chapter 460, Statutes of 2018) requires schools that serve students in any of grades 7-12, and institutions of higher education, that issue student identification cards to have printed on either side of the identification card the number for a suicide hotline.

## SUPPORT

California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance  
 California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
 California Police Chiefs Association  
 El Monte City School District  
 El Monte Union High School District  
 Garvey School District  
 Industry Business Council and Chamber of Commerce  
 Los Angeles Board of Education  
 Mountain View School District

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**OPPOSITION**

None received

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