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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 531

**Senate
Amendment 1**

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 531

Assembly Bill 531, as amended and passed by the Assembly, requires that contact information for suicide prevention hotlines be included on identification cards issued to students (“student ID cards”). Specifically, the bill provides that student ID cards must include the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or one of its affiliate crises centers, and may also include information for the Crisis Text Line, a text-based support service, or the number for a local suicide prevention hotline.

Assembly Bill 531, as amended and passed by the Assembly, applies to any public or private K-12 school that issues student ID cards, as well as any University of Wisconsin institution or college, technical college, or private postsecondary institution in Wisconsin that awards an associate degree or higher that issues student ID cards.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the bill so that the requirements do not apply to private K-12 schools or to private postsecondary institutions. Instead, under the amendment, the student ID contact information requirements apply only to public K-12 schools (including charter schools) that issue student ID cards, as well as any UW institution or college or technical college that issues student ID cards.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Action

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Stafsholt on October 28, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 531, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0. The full Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and passed Assembly Bill 531 on November 7, 2019.

Senate Action

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senators Craig, Kooyenga, Stroebel, Kapenga, and Nass on January 21, 2020. On that same date, the full Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and concurred in Assembly Bill 531, as amended.

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