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To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to include mental health and suicide prevention information on student identification cards, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BANKS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAINE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Raising Awareness for
5 Youth Suicide Prevention Act” or the “RAYS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION IN-**
 2 **FORMATION ON STUDENT IDENTIFICATION**
 3 **CARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII
 5 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
 6 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 8549D. INCLUSION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE**
 9 **PREVENTION INFORMATION ON STUDENT**
 10 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

11 “(a) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Each local edu-
 12 cational agency that receives funds under this Act—

13 “(1) that issues identification cards to students
 14 in secondary schools shall ensure that such identi-
 15 fication cards include contact information for—

16 “(A) the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (or
 17 an alternative service designated by the Sec-
 18 retary under subsection (c));

19 “(B) the Crisis Text Line (or an alter-
 20 native service designated by the Secretary
 21 under subsection (c)); and

22 “(C) a State or local suicide prevention
 23 hotline selected by the agency, if available; and

24 “(2) that does not issue identification cards to
 25 secondary school students shall—

1 “(A) prominently publish the contact infor-
2 mation specified in paragraph (1) on a publicly
3 accessible website of the agency; and

4 “(B) include such information on computer
5 portals and software platforms regularly used
6 by secondary school students.

7 “(b) METHOD OF INCLUSION.—The information re-
8 quired under subsection (a)(1) may be included on identi-
9 fication cards using any method the local educational
10 agency determines appropriate, which may include—

11 “(1) printing the information directly on the
12 cards;

13 “(2) affixing a sticker to the cards that con-
14 tains the information; or

15 “(3) other such methods.

16 “(c) DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event a service de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection
19 (a)(1) becomes unavailable or ceases to operate ef-
20 fectively, the Secretary may designate an alternative
21 service that provides equivalent or comparable men-
22 tal health resources to be included on student identi-
23 fication cards as required under such subsection.

1 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days
2 after designating an alternative service under para-
3 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

4 “(A) notify local educational agencies of
5 such designation; and

6 “(B) provide such agencies with the con-
7 tact information for the alternative service.

8 “(d) OPTIONAL INFORMATION.—In addition to the
9 information required under subsection (a), a local edu-
10 cational agency that receives funds under this Act may
11 consider—

12 “(1) including information on additional mental
13 health resources, such as contact information for
14 school counselors or school mental health resources,
15 on student identification cards; and

16 “(2) adding the information described in sub-
17 section (a)(1) to identification cards issued to teach-
18 ers, administrators, and other school personnel.

19 “(e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary, in coordination
20 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the
21 heads of other appropriate agencies, shall conduct out-
22 reach and awareness campaigns to inform students, par-
23 ents, school personnel, and the public about the mental
24 health resources described in subsection (a). Such out-
25 reach efforts shall—

1 “(1) include the dissemination of information
2 through school-based programs, websites, social
3 media, and other communication channels; and

4 “(2) provide information in a manner that is
5 accessible to students and community members with
6 physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities.

7 “(f) APPLICABILITY.—

8 “(1) PHYSICAL ID CARDS.—The requirements
9 of subsection (a)(1) shall apply with respect to stu-
10 dent identification cards issued by local educational
11 agencies that receive funds under this Act for school
12 years beginning after the effective date of this sec-
13 tion. Nothing in this section shall be construed to re-
14 quire the modification of a student identification
15 card issued before such effective date.

16 “(2) OTHER INFORMATION.—The requirements
17 of subsection (a)(2) shall apply beginning 60 days
18 after the effective date of this section.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect one year after the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

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