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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Noret, Phillips, Donovan, Spears, Cotter,  
Paplauskas, Boylan, McNamara, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21.7 of the General Laws entitled "The Nathan Bruno and Jason  
Flatt Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

**16-21.7-5. Student identification cards.**

(a) All middle and high schools within and subject to the jurisdiction of the department of  
elementary and secondary education ("RIDE"), which issue student identification cards ("ID  
cards"), shall include on the back of each ID card the following:

(1) The telephone number for a state or national suicide prevention hotline; and

(2) The telephone number for a state or national substance abuse crisis center. Provided,  
this requirement may be met through one telephone number to a state or national organization  
which provides both suicide and substance abuse assistance and services, such as the 988 suicide  
and crisis lifeline.

(b) All middle and high schools within and subject to the jurisdiction of RIDE which issue  
staff ID cards to teachers, administrators, professional staff, and custodial staff working within the  
school or school district shall also include or affix the information required under this section to  
those ID cards.

(c) The information required under this section may be printed on the ID cards or contained  
on a sticker affixed to the ID cards.

1           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would direct middle and high schools which issue student identification cards to  
2 include on those cards contact crisis telephone numbers for suicide prevention and substance use  
3 disorder prevention. This information would also be required to be placed on identification cards  
4 issued to school and district employees working in the schools.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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