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House Bill 5482 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Representative Andrea K. Schroeder

House Committee: Education

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Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would enact the "Save Our Students Act" to do the following:

- -- Require the board of a school district or intermediate school district (ISD) or the board of directors of a public school academy (PSA) to ensure that the telephone number of a local, State, or national suicide prevention hotline was printed on each student identification (ID) card provided to a pupil in grades 6 to 12.
- -- Require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop or adopt model information materials regarding suicide prevention services, suicide, depression, and anxiety, and to provide the model information materials a school district, ISD, or PSA upon request.
- -- Specify that a school district, an ISD, a PSA, a public school, a member of a board of a school district or ISD, or a member of a board of directors of a PSA or his or her designee would not be liable in a criminal action or for civil damages arising from the failure to include the hotline telephone number on pupil ID cards.

Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on school districts, ISDs, and PSAs. These costs would be borne by those schools that taught grades 6 to 12 and provided the suicide prevention hotline information on student ID cards. These costs likely would be minimal and would be associated with additional printing costs for student ID cards, which could be absorbed with current funds devoted for those purposes.

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