

HOUSE BILL NO. 4225

March 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Steele, Greene, Rigas, Woolford, Kunse, Schmaltz, Schuette, Thompson, Breen, Linting and Meerman and referred to Committee on Education and Workforce.

A bill to amend 2020 PA 211, entitled
"Save our students act,"
by amending the title and sections 3 and 5 (MCL 380.1893 and
380.1895).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE
2 An act to provide for certain requirements regarding suicide
3 prevention for schools; to prescribe the rights, powers, duties,

1 and privileges of schools, school districts, public school
 2 academies, intermediate school districts, ~~and~~ other public school
 3 entities, **and nonpublic schools**; to provide for and prescribe the
 4 powers and duties of certain state departments; and to provide for
 5 the regulation of certain school employees.

6 Sec. 3. (1) ~~Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this~~
 7 ~~act, the~~ **The** board of a school district or intermediate school
 8 district or the board of directors of a public school academy shall
 9 ensure that each school operated by the board or board of directors
 10 that offers any of grades 6 to 12 and that provides identification
 11 cards to ~~pupils~~ **students** enrolled at the school includes on each
 12 identification card provided to a ~~pupil~~ **a student both of the**
 13 **following:**

14 (a) **A** local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline
 15 telephone number printed on it. The local, state, or national
 16 suicide prevention hotline telephone number ~~included on pupil~~
 17 ~~identification cards as described in this subsection~~ **subdivision**
 18 must be a local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline
 19 telephone number that can be accessed for use 24 hours of each day
 20 and 7 days of each week by ~~pupils~~ **students** who attempt to utilize
 21 the hotline telephone number.

22 (b) **Beginning July 1, 2026, contact information for the OK2SAY**
 23 **program or a successor state program.**

24 (2) **Beginning July 1, 2026, the governing body of a nonpublic**
 25 **school shall ensure that each school operated by the governing body**
 26 **that offers any of grades 6 to 12 and provides identification cards**
 27 **to students enrolled at that nonpublic school includes on each**
 28 **identification card provided to a student both of the following:**

29 (a) **A** local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline

1 telephone number printed on it. The local, state, or national
2 suicide prevention hotline telephone number as described in this
3 subdivision must be a local, state, or national suicide prevention
4 hotline telephone number that can be accessed for use 24 hours of
5 each day and 7 days of each week by students who attempt to utilize
6 the hotline telephone number.

7 (b) Contact information for the OK2SAY program or a successor
8 state program.

9 (3) ~~(2)~~ For each school operated by the board of a school
10 district or intermediate school district, ~~or~~ the board of directors
11 of a public school academy, **or the governing body of a nonpublic**
12 **school** that offers any of grades 6 to 12, the board, ~~or~~ board of
13 directors, **or governing body** that operates that school is
14 encouraged to display the model information materials developed or
15 adopted under subsection ~~(3)~~ **(4)** on or in any of the following:

16 (a) The school's website homepage.

17 (b) A conspicuous location in the school counselor's office or
18 the office of any school employee of the school qualified to act in
19 a counseling role under section 1233 or 1233a of the revised school
20 code, MCL 380.1233 and 380.1233a.

21 (c) A conspicuous location in the office of the school
22 principal or chief administrator of the school.

23 **(4)** ~~(3)~~ The department of health and human services shall
24 develop or adopt model information materials regarding suicide
25 prevention services, suicide, depression, and anxiety for the
26 purposes under subsection ~~(2)~~ **(3)** and shall, upon request by a
27 school district, intermediate school district, ~~or~~ public school
28 academy, **or nonpublic school** provide the model information
29 materials to the requesting school district, intermediate school

1 district, ~~or~~ public school academy, **or nonpublic school.**

2 (5) ~~(4)~~ A school district, intermediate school district,
3 public school academy, public school, **nonpublic school**, a board
4 member of a board of a school district or intermediate school
5 district or ~~his or her~~ **the board member's** designee, ~~or~~ a board of
6 directors member of a board of directors of a public school academy
7 or ~~his or her~~ **the board of directors member's** designee, **or a member**
8 **of the governing body of a nonpublic school or the member's**
9 **designee** is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages
10 arising from the failure to include a local, state, or national
11 suicide prevention hotline telephone number **or the contact**
12 **information for the OK2SAY program or a successor state program** on
13 ~~pupil~~ **student** identification cards as required under subsection
14 (1). This subsection does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other
15 immunity or defense that a person described under this subsection
16 may have under other state law.

17 Sec. 5. As used in this act:

18 (a) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined
19 in section 4 of the revised school code, MCL 380.4.

20 (b) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5
21 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5.

22 (c) "OK2SAY program" means this state's student safety program
23 that allows students to confidentially report tips on potential
24 harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees,
25 and schools.

26 (d) ~~(b)~~ "Public school" and "public school academy" mean those
27 terms as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL
28 380.5.

29 (e) ~~(e)~~ "School district" means that term as defined in

1 section 6 of the revised school code, MCL 380.6.
2 (f) ~~(d)~~ "The revised school code" means the revised school
3 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.