FINAL BILL REPORT SHB 2589

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring contact information for suicide prevention and crisis intervention organizations on student and staff identification cards.

Sponsors: House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Callan, Rude, Pollet, Orwall, Doglio, Steele, Kilduff, Caldier, Davis, Corry, Senn, Ybarra, Thai, Ramos, Ryu, Santos, Leavitt, Gildon, Bergquist, J. Johnson, Frame and Macri).

House Committee on Education Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Background:

The 2019-21 Omnibus Operating Budget directed the public institutions of higher education (community and technical colleges, University of Washington, Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College) to include the phone number of a campus, local, state, or national suicide, crisis, or counseling hotline on the back of newly issued student and faculty identification cards starting in fall quarter 2019, or as soon as is practicable to implement.

Summary:

Within existing resources, public elementary and secondary schools, and public institutions of higher education, that issue student identification cards, faculty or staff identification cards, or both, must have printed on newly issued and replacement identification cards:

- the contact information for a national suicide prevention organization; and
- the contact information for one or more campus, local, state, or national organizations specializing in suicide prevention, crisis intervention, or counseling, if available.

Unissued identification cards that do not meet this requirement can be issued until the supply is depleted or until June 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0	

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