

Chapter 59

(House Bill 284)

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Provision of Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline Telephone Number –
Alteration**

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; and generally relating to the provision of crisis telephone numbers to students in public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–431
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

7–431.

Each county board shall provide each student in grades six through twelve with the telephone number of the [Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline] **988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE** by:

- (1) Printing the telephone number prominently in the school handbook;
- and
- (2) Printing the telephone number on a student’s school identification card, if provided.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a county board is not required to reprint or reissue school handbooks or student school identification cards in use on the effective date of this Act in order to comply with this Act.

SECTION 3. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2024.