

Legislative Analysis



REQUIRE OK2SAY CONTACT INFORMATION ON STUDENT ID CARDS

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House Bill 4225 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4225 would amend the Save Our Students Act to require school ID cards issued to students to include contact information for the **OK2SAY** program or its successor. This requirement would begin on July 1, 2026, and would be in addition to a current requirement that IDs issued to students enrolled in a school that contains any of grades 6 to 12 have a local, state, or national suicide prevention hotline telephone number printed on them.

OK2SAY would mean Michigan's student safety program that allows students to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees, and schools.

The bill would extend these requirements to nonpublic schools so that, also beginning July 1, 2026, school ID cards issued to students enrolled in a school that offers any of grades 6 to 12 contain the same information.

The bill also would extend a provision that says a school or its governing board is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages arising from a failure to include a suicide prevention number on a student ID to also include a failure to include the contact information for the OK2SAY program on an ID. Nonpublic schools and their governing boards would also be included in this provision.

Finally, model materials developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding suicide prevention, depression, and anxiety would have to be made available upon request to a nonpublic school. Public schools can already receive this information and materials upon request.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could create costs for the state and for local school districts, public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISDs).

DHHS could incur costs, likely negligible, to disseminate materials regarding suicide prevention, depression, and anxiety to nonpublic schools.

School districts, PSAs, and ISDs could incur a minimal cost to ensure that their student identification cards include contact information for the OK2SAY program. This cost would

likely be absorbed using existing resources, as the required change would likely be absorbed into yearly identification card updates.

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