

HOUSE BILL 284

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CF SB 122

By: **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–431
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–431.

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

21 (1) Printing the telephone number prominently in the school handbook;
22 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Printing the telephone number on a student's school identification card,
2 if provided.

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

6 SECTION 3. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2024.