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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Beyond
Charity Law.

6 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
7 10-20.75 and 34-18.67 as follows:

8 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.75 new)

Sec. 10-20.75. Identification cards; suicide prevention 9 information. Each school district that serves pupils in any of 10 11 grades 6 through 12 and that issues an identification card to pupils in any of grades 6 through 12 shall provide contact 12 13 information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988), the Crisis Text Line, and either the Safe2Help Illinois 14 15 helpline or a local suicide prevention hotline or both on the identification card. The contact information shall identify 16 17 each helpline that may be contacted through text messaging. 18 The contact information shall be included in the school's student handbook and also the student planner if a student 19 20 planner is custom printed by the school for distribution to 21 pupils in any of grades 6 through 12.

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2	Sec. 34-18.67. Identification cards; suicide prevention
3	information. If the school district issues an identification
4	card to pupils in any of grades 6 through 12, the district
5	shall provide contact information for the National Suicide
6	Prevention Lifeline (988), the Crisis Text Line, and either
7	the Safe2Help Illinois helpline or a local suicide prevention
8	hotline or both on the identification card. The contact
9	information shall identify each helpline that may be contacted
10	through text messaging. The contact information shall be
11	included in the school's student handbook and also the student
12	planner if a student planner is custom printed by the school
13	for distribution to pupils in any of grades 6 through 12.
14	Section 10. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act
15	is amended by changing Section 25 as follows:

16 (110 ILCS 58/25)

17 Sec. 25. Awareness. To raise mental health awareness on 18 college campuses, each public college or university must do 19 all of the following:

(1) Develop and implement an annual student
 orientation session aimed at raising awareness about
 mental health conditions.

(2) Assess courses and seminars available to students
 through their regular academic experiences and implement

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1 mental health awareness curricula if opportunities for 2 integration exist.

3 (3) Create and feature a page on its website or mobile 4 application with information dedicated solely to the 5 mental health resources available to students at the 6 public college or university and in the surrounding 7 community.

8 (4) Distribute messages related to mental health 9 resources that encourage help-seeking behavior through the 10 online learning platform of the public college or 11 university during high stress periods of the academic 12 year, including, but not limited to, midterm or final 13 examinations. These stigma-reducing strategies must be 14 based on documented best practices.

15 (5) Three years after the effective date of this Act, 16 implement an online screening tool to raise awareness and establish a mechanism to link or refer students of the 17 public college or university to services. Screenings and 18 19 resources must be available year round for students and, 20 at a minimum, must (i) include validated screening tools 21 for depression, an anxiety disorder, an eating disorder, 22 substance use, alcohol-use disorder, post-traumatic stress 23 disorder, and bipolar disorder, (ii) provide resources for 24 immediate connection to services, if indicated, including 25 emergency resources, (iii) provide general information 26 about all mental health-related resources available to

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students of the public college or university, and (iv)
function anonymously.

3 (6) At least once per term and at times of high 4 academic stress, including midterm or final examinations, 5 provide students information regarding online screenings 6 and resources.

7 (7) Provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988), the Crisis Text Line, 8 9 and a local suicide prevention hotline on each student identification card issued by the public college or 10 11 university if the public college or university issues 12 student identification cards. The contact information 13 shall identify each helpline that may be contacted through 14 text messaging. The contact information shall be included in the public college's or university's student handbook 15 16 and also the student planner if a student planner is 17 custom printed by the public college or university for distribution to students. 18

19 (Source: P.A. 101-251, eff. 7-1-20.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 21 2022.