

House Bill 1045 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Herring of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Rice of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact  
3 the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student  
4 identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline  
5 on such badges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by enacting a  
13 new Code section to read as follows:

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14 "20-2-779.5.  
15 Each local school system or public school that issues student identification badges to  
16 students in any of grades six through 12 shall cause to be printed on any such badges that  
17 are issued on or after July 1, 2026, '9-8-8 - You are not alone. Right now, anyone  
18 experiencing a suicidal crisis, emotional distress, or challenges with substance abuse should  
19 call or text 9-8-8. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a  
20 year."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.