

## Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery

### Bill Summary

**Bill No:** H2221 / S1384

**Title:** An Act relative to student mental health

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Jack Patrick Lewis and Representative Natalie Higgins

**Hearing Date:** **June 30, 2025**

**Similar Matters:** S1384 (Comerford)

**Prior History:** (2023-2024) H1999 / S1237 - Favorable report to House Steering, Policy & Scheduling - ordered to a third reading; passed to be engrossed; Discharged to SWM; Ought to pass with an amendment [S3001] - ordered to a third reading; passed to be engrossed; referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading - no further action  
(2021-2022) H2111 / S1266 - Accompanied a study order [H5194/S2919]

**Current Law:** M.G.L. ch.71 (Public Schools)  
M.G.L. ch.73 (State Colleges and Community Colleges)

#### **Brief Summary:**

Requires public schools and charter schools (grades 6-12) and public and private institutions of higher education to include on student identification (“ID”) cards the telephone and text message number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.