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**Representative Dan Daley Files HB 489, a Legislative Idea  
Proposed By High School Students**

**Tallahassee, FL –Representative Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs) and Representative Marie Woodson (D- Hollywood) have filed [HB 489](#) Student Identification Cards.**

This legislation would require schools across the state to include the numbers for a crisis hotline/ text line and a behavioral health hotline/ text line on the back of each student identification card. Beginning with student identification cards created or reprinted in the summer of 2021. In the Senate, a companion bill will be filed by **Senator Shevrin Jones (D- West Park)**.

The Democracy in Action Program invites high school students to create an authentic, original bill that could be proposed for the legislative session. Students may work individually, in groups, or as a class, and each school may submit one bill idea. The Democracy in Action Initiative promotes and supports civic education and engages students in real-world government and decision-making. This bill idea came from McArthur High School within **Representative Woodson's** district in Hollywood, Florida.

“I had the opportunity to meet my former boss, Representative Ari Porth, because of the Democracy in Action Initiative, a student bill proposal contest within Broward County. I am proud to continue this tradition and sponsor a student proposed bill in the Florida House of Representatives. Today, students are expected to handle many challenges in addition to their academic studies and this bill will provide students with an easily accessible help line to spread mental health awareness and provide assistance to those in need,” said **Representative Daley**.

“This legislation is a long overdue solution to a problem that impacts all students in

the State of Florida. One of the many reasons students in need of support and services often do not get helped is because they do not know where and who to turn to. Requiring that the contact information for a crisis hotline/text line and a behavioral health hotline/text line be printed on the back of each student ID card will go a long way in addressing this issue, said **Representative Woodson**. “I am extremely proud of the students from McArthur High School who came up with this brilliant solution to an important issue. I am further honored to co-sponsor this bill with Representative Dan Daley. The Democracy in Action Program is doing a great job of inspiring high school students to become more civically engaged, and this bill is proof of that.”

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