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### Representative Marc Catlin's Higher Education Crisis and Suicide Prevention Bill is Now Law

**Denver, Colorado** – Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin moved [HB23-1007](#), Higher Education Crisis And Suicide Prevention bill, into law. The bill was signed by Governor Jared Polis on March 17, 2023. The law requires schools of higher education print the Colorado and National Crisis and Suicide Prevention contact information on the back of student identification cards. The law does not require a state expense. The bi-partisan bill received 97% approval from all state legislators.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were [Judy Amabile](#) (D-HD49) of Boulder County and [Marc Catlin](#) (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were [Dylan Roberts](#) (D-SD8) of Eagle County and [Byron Pelton](#) (R-SD1) of Logan County.

Representative Marc Catlin says, "I am concerned at the increase of suicides in our teenagers and young adults, especially on the Western Slope. By printing the suicide hotline numbers on student id cards, we are giving young Coloradans an invitation to ask for help. All across Colorado, suicide and mental health are on the minds of our residents. This law will elevate awareness of the help that is available to our students."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs the Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, a member of the Capital Development Committee and Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

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