

House Education
 02/01/2023 Upon Adjournment
 HB23-1007 Higher Education Crisis & Suicide Prevention
 Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jordan Barton Against themselves	<p>If someone cant use reason properly, and is being abused, then to defer them a suicide hotline and therefore a list to have ones civil rights taken, appears abusive and 1984 Orwellian abusive in itself.</p> <p>Rather, please teach children existential critical reason and critical reasoning skills in schools, and then if kids are able to use reason and still have mental health issues, shall we push mental health as a a solution.</p> <p>Teaching cult pc movements like MAGA, BLM or LGBT creates a bully environment and leads to more negative health outcomes, especially for the sincere who just want to learn and reason.</p> <p>Please stop funding Christian Charter schools on public dime, and re-establish the church state separation. Teaching dogma to kids is abusive and contributes to negative mental health outcomes.</p> <p>Please ban bully movements LGBT, BLM and MAGA in schools and teach existential critical reason on the public dime.</p>

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My name is Riley Lineaweaver and I am a college student at Colorado University at Boulder. I'm testifying on how there is a lack of readily available information for students in crisis at higher education institutions. Often times when someone is in crisis, they are unable to look up crisis numbers because they are not thinking clearly, or do not know where to look to find help. This could be solved by printing the phone number and text talk number for Colorado Crisis Services, the 988 number, and local or campus numbers on student Identification cards. As someone with serious mental illness and who knows others with serious mental illness, this would be a helpful tool to have. When I am suicidal, I have a hard time trying to find the right numbers to call or have no motivation to do so. Having this information right at my fingertips would make me more likely to reach out for help. Having this information readily available will save someone's life. Colorado currently rates in the top 10 states for suicide, with 10% of that number being people aged 19-24. This is the age demographic often seen in higher education institutions. By passing this bill, you will help save many lives in a population often plagued by stress. This is also the age in which some mental illnesses first emerge. Having resources readily available to help students through this might just save their life. Thank you for your time, your consideration of these matters and solutions is very much appreciated.