

SUPPORT SB 2771 — TAMMURRA'S ACT

Extend 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline posting across Illinois public institutions
Sen. Christopher Belt | Amendment 003 | 104th General Assembly

988 saves lives — but only when people know it exists. This bill puts the number where it belongs: everywhere Illinoisans in crisis are most likely to be found.

2nd	2-4x	20.4%
Leading cause of death for ages 10-14, 15-24, and 25-44 in the U.S. — suicide (CDC, 2023)	Higher suicide risk for incarcerated youth vs. general youth population (OJJDP)	Of high school students seriously considered suicide in the past year (CDC YRBS, 2023)

Where SB 2771 Requires 988 Posting

✓ County juvenile detention & shelter care homes	✓ Licensed day care centers
✓ Public libraries (all four library acts)	✓ IDOC correctional facilities
✓ Public colleges and universities	✓ Probation department programs
✓ Hospitals	✓ Schools: suicide prevention curricula (grades 6-12)
✓ Nursing facilities	✓ Reentry planning — suicide prevention resources required
✓ Assisted living & shared housing	

Why These Settings?

- Detained youth have some of the highest suicide risk of any population — over 1/3 of youth at Cook County's juvenile detention center had thought seriously about death and dying
- Suicide is the leading cause of death in local jails; nearly 1/3 of all in-custody deaths are suicides
- Libraries serve as informal crisis hubs for unhoused individuals, isolated youth, and adults with limited service access
- 12%+ of college students ages 18-25 had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year (SAMHSA 2024)
- Nursing home residents face grief, isolation, and chronic illness — all elevated risk factors

How 988 Works in Illinois

988 is Illinois' 24/7 crisis lifeline operated by IDHS. Calling with an Illinois area code connects you to one of six in-state centers staffed by trained counselors.

- Available for any mental health, substance use, or emotional crisis — not only active suicidality
- Does not automatically trigger a police response
- Available by call, text, or chat at 988lifeline.org
- More than 10% of callers reported the call prevented them from harming or killing themselves (SAMHSA)

The system is built and funded. This bill just makes sure people can find it.

The Ask: Please vote YES on SB 2771 — Tammurra's Act

No single piece of legislation does more to expand 988 visibility across Illinois than this bill. It reaches children in detention, adults in prison, seniors in care, students on campuses, and everyday Illinoisans in libraries and hospitals. Tammurra's Act asks for one thing: that every institution serving people in crisis puts the number on the wall.