

**2025 Regular Session**

**LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 17**

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<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
√ 17:2	Enact	210	1	08/01/2026 ✓
√ 17:7(5)(b)(i)	Amend	479	1	12/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:7.2(A)(10)	Enact	479	1	12/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:7.6(G)	Amend	59	1	
√ 17:8.1(A)(8)	Enact	353	1	
R [ √ 17:8.1(A)(8) <sup>(9)</sup>	Enact	479	1	12/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:8.1(A)(8)	Enact	479	1	12/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:8.7(B)(Intro.Par.)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:8.7(B)(1)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:14.1(B)(1)	Amend	478	5	✓ 10/01/2027 ✓
√ 17:14.1(C)(5)	Amend	478	5	✓ 10/01/2027 ✓
√ 17:15(A)(1)(a)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(bb)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(cc)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(dd)	Enact	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(1)(b)(ii)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(2)(a)(ii)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(2)(a)(iii)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(2)(a)(iv)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(2)(a)(v)	Enact	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(A)(2)(a)(vi)	Enact	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(D)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:15(E)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:16(A)	Amend	409	3	✓
√ 17:24.4(F)(1)(c)	Amend	472	1	07/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:24.4(F)(4)(a)	Amend	472	1	07/01/2025 ✓
√ 17:24.8(A)	Amend	409	3	✓

√17:24.8(B)(2)	-----Amend-----	409	-----3	✓
√17:24.13	----- <b>PRINT</b> Amend-----	366	-----2	✓
√17:24.13(A)(2)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(B)(2)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(B)(3)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(C)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(D)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(E)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Amend-----	353	-----1	
√17:24.13(F)	----- <b>NOTE</b> Enact-----	353	-----1	
√17:52(A)	-----Amend-----	354	-----1	
√17:58.2(I)	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:58.2(J)	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:67	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:67.1	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:67.2	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:67.2.1	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:67.3	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:67.4	-----Repeal-----	455	-----2	✓ See Act ✓
√17:68.1	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.2	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.3	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.4	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.5	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.6	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:68.7	-----Enact-----	455	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:87.6(C)(1)	-----Amend-----	161	-----1	
√17:87.6(C)(6)	-----Enact-----	161	-----1	
√17:87.6(C)(7)	-----Enact-----	161	-----1	
√17:100.7(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	261	-----3	✓
√17:111(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	100	-----1	
√17:111(B)	-----Amend-----	100	-----1	

√17:112(B)	-----Amend-----	181	-----1	
√17:166.1	-----Enact-----	42	-----1	06/04/2025 ✓
√17:173.1	-----Enact-----	504	-----1	
√17:183.3(B)(2)(b)	-----Note-----	268	-----2	✓
√17:183.3(B)(2)(c)	-----Note-----	268	-----2	✓
√17:183.3(B)(2)(f)	-----Note-----	268	-----2	✓
√17:183.4	-----Enact-----	449	-----1	
√17:192.1(A)(1)(a)	-----Amend-----	477	-----8	✓ 10/01/2027 ✓
√17:192.1(A)(3)	-----Amend-----	477	-----8	✓ 10/01/2027 ✓
√17:197.2	-----Enact-----	463	-----1	See Act ✓
√17:200	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:201	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:202	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:202	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:203	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:203	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:205	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:205(A)	NOTE ONLY Amend-----	210	-----2	✓
√17:205(B)(1)	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:205(B)(2)	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:215	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:215	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:216	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:216(A)(Intro.Par.)	NOTE ONLY Amend-----	210	-----2	✓
√17:216(B)	NOTE ONLY Amend-----	210	-----2	✓
√17:217	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓
√17:217	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:218	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:219	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:220	-----Repeal-----	458	-----11	✓ 10/01/2025 ✓
√17:220(B)(5)	-----Repeal-----	210	-----3	✓

↑	✓	17:220(C)	-----	Repeal	-----	210	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:253	-----	Repeal	-----	210	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:269	-----	Amend	-----	137	-----	4	✓
	✓	17:270(B)(2)(n)	-----	Enact	-----	48	-----	1	
	✓	17:280.3(A)	-----	Note	-----	268	-----	2	✓
	✓	17:355(C)	-----	Amend	-----	103	-----	1	
	✓	17:355(D)(1)	-----	Amend	-----	103	-----	1	
	✓	17:407.30.2	-----	Enact	-----	385	-----	1	See Act ✓
	✓	17:407.33(1)	-----	Amend	-----	358	-----	2	✓ 06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:407.33(5)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
R	✓	17:407.33(8)	-----	Enact	-----	358	-----	2	✓ 06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:407.35(A)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.41	-----	Enact	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.42(A)(2)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.42(B)(1)(b)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.46(A)(1)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.71(A)	-----	Amend	-----	409	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.101(E)(8)	-----	Repeal	-----	210	-----	3	✓
	✓	17:407.101(G)	-----	Amend	-----	210	-----	2	✓
	✓	17:416(A)(1)(b)(i)	-----	Amend	-----	439	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416(C)(2)(a)	-----	Amend	-----	497	-----	1	
	✓	17:416(C)(2)(b)	-----	Amend	-----	497	-----	1	
	✓	17:416(O)	-----	Enact	-----	497	-----	1	
	✓	17:416.1(B)(3)(b)	-----	Amend	-----	479	-----	1	12/01/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416.8(A)(1)(a)(Intro.Par.)	-----	Amend	-----	439	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416.8(A)(1)(a)(x)	-----	Enact	-----	439	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416.16.1	-----	Enact	-----	425	-----	1	See Act ✓
	✓	17:416.18.1	-----	Enact	-----	439	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416.21	-----	Amend	-----	479	-----	1	12/01/2025 ✓
	✓	17:416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii)	-----	Amend	-----	210	-----	2	✓
	✓	17:416.24	-----	Enact	-----	469	-----	1	

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√17:418.1	-----Enact-----	366	-----1-----	See Act ✓
√17:436.3.1	-----Enact-----	402	-----1	
√17:443(B)(1)	-----Amend-----	409	-----3✓	
√17:493(C)(1)	-----Amend-----	409	-----3✓	
√17:1792	-----Enact-----	298	-----2✓	
√17:1801.1(C)	-----Amend-----	174	-----1	
√17:1915(Article II)(R)	-----Amend-----	137	-----4✓	
√17:1944.1(A)	-----Amend-----	479	-----1-----	12/01/2025 ✓
√17:1944.1(D)(1)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	479	-----1-----	12/01/2025 ✓
√17:1944.1(D)(1)(d)	-----Enact-----	479	-----1-----	12/01/2025 ✓
√17:1948(A)	-----Amend-----	479	-----2✓	02/01/2026 ✓
√17:1948(B)	-----Amend-----	479	-----2✓	02/01/2026 ✓
√17:1948(C)(7)	-----Repeal-----	479	-----3✓	02/01/2026 ✓
√17:1948(C)(9)	-----Repeal-----	479	-----3✓	02/01/2026 ✓
√17:1948(G)	-----Repeal-----	479	-----3✓	02/01/2026 ✓
√17:1964(D)(5)	-----Amend-----	167	-----1	
√17:2048.51(B)	-----Amend-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(C)(9)	-----Amend-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(C)(10)	-----Amend-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(C)(14)	-----Enact-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(C)(20)	-----Amend-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(G)	-----Amend-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.51(H)	-----Repeal-----	379	-----1-----	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2048.61 (Pt.IV-C, Chpt.9)	-----Repeal-----	379	-----2✓	06/20/2025 ✓
√17:2922.1(B)(1)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	51	-----1	
√17:2922.1(B)(1)(j)	-----Amend-----	51	-----1	
√17:2922.1(B)(1)(k)	-----Amend-----	51	-----1	
√17:2922.1(B)(1)(o)	-----Enact-----	51	-----1	
√17:3047.1(H)	-----Enact-----	152	-----1-----	06/08/2025 ✓
√17:3047.6(A)	-----Amend-----	478	-----5✓	10/01/2027 ✓
√17:3088	-----Amend-----	110	-----1	

✓ 17:3138.1	-----Enact-----	157	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(B)(1)	-----Amend-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f)	-----Enact-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(B)(2)(g)	-----Enact-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(B)(2)(h)	-----Enact-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(B)(2)(i)	-----Enact-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(D)(3)	-----Amend-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.5(D)(4)(d)	-----Amend-----	130	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(5)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(6)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(7)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(8)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(9)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(10)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(11)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(12)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(13)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(14)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(15)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(16)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(17)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(18)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(19)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(20)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(21)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(22)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(23)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(24)	-----Amend-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(25)	-----Enact-----	10	-----1
✓ 17:3138.7(B)(26)	-----Enact-----	10	-----1

✓ 17:3138.7(D)	-----Amend-----	10	-----	1	
✓ 17:3138.7(G)(1)(l)	-----Enact-----	10	-----	1	
✓ 17:3138.13	-----Enact-----	187	-----	1	
✓ 17:3215(9)	-----Amend-----	447	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3215(10)	-----Enact-----	447	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3217(A)(9)	-----Repeal-----	447	-----	2	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3230	-----Repeal-----	447	-----	2	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3230.1	-----Enact-----	447	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3241(B)(2)	-----Amend-----	447	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3369.3(A)(8)	-----Enact-----	88	-----	1	06/04/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3394.3(A)(6)	-----Enact-----	35	-----	1	07/01/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3394.3(B)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	35	-----	1	07/01/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3394.3(C)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	35	-----	1	07/01/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3394.3(D)	-----Enact-----	35	-----	1	07/01/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3801 thru 3805 (Chpt.35)	-----Repeal-----	385	-----	5	See Act ✓ (07/01/2026)
✓ 17:3801(A)	-----Amend-----	385	-----	1	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3801(B)	-----Repeal-----	385	-----	4	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3801(C)	-----Amend-----	385	-----	1	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3801(C)(4)	-----Repeal-----	385	-----	4	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3801(F)	-----Repeal-----	385	-----	4	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3802(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	385	-----	1	See Act ✓
✓ 17:3902(B)(5)	-----Amend-----	270	-----	1	
✓ 17:3914(C)(1)(j)	-----Repeal-----	187	-----	2	✓
✓ 17:3914(M)(1)	-----Amend-----	478	-----	6	10/01/2025 ✓
✓ 17:3914(N)(1)(a)	-----Amend-----	187	-----	1	
✓ 17:3914(N)(1)(c)	-----Repeal-----	187	-----	2	✓
✓ 17:3991(H)	-----Amend-----	129	-----	1	
✓ 17:3996(B)(4)	-----Enact-----	366	-----	1	See Act ✓
R ✓ 17:3996(B)( <del>4</del> <sup>22</sup> )	-----Enact-----	449	-----	1	
✓ 17:3996(B)(28)	-----Amend-----	409	-----	3	✓
✓ 17:3996(B)(82)	-----Enact-----	409	-----	3	✓

R R	✓ 17:3996(B)(89) ----- Enact ----- 181 ----- 1
	✓ 17:3996(B)(89) <sup>(91)</sup> ----- Enact ----- 425 ----- 1 ----- See Act ✓
	✓ 17:3996(B)(89) <sup>(90)</sup> ----- Enact ----- 469 ----- 2 ✓
✓ 17:4001 ----- Amend ----- 413 ----- 1 ----- 06/20/2025 ✓	
✓ 17:5002(A) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5002(D)(1) ----- Amend ----- 152 ----- 1 ----- 06/08/2025 ✓	
✓ 17:5002(E)(1) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5002(E)(3) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5002(G) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5002(I) ----- Enact ----- 347 ----- 1	
MERGE	✓ 17:5024(A)(1) ----- Amend ----- 356 ----- 1 ----- 06/20/2025 ✓
	✓ 17:5024(A)(1) <sup>(q)(v)</sup> ----- Enact ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5024(B)(1) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5025(Intro.Par.) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5025.7(Intro.Par.) ----- Amend ----- 268 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5026(F)(Intro.Par.) ----- Amend ----- 268 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(2) ----- Amend ----- 359 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(3)(a) ----- Amend ----- 359 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) <sup>NOTE</sup> ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) <sup>PRINT</sup> ----- Amend ----- 359 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(3)(b)(iii) <sup>NOTE</sup> ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(B)(3)(b)(iii) <sup>PRINT</sup> ----- Amend ----- 359 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5029(D)(1)(Intro.Par.) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5041(Intro.Par.) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
	✓ 17:5041(1)(c) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1
✓ 17:5041(4) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5043(1) ----- Amend ----- 347 ----- 1	
✓ 17:5081(B)(1) ----- Amend ----- 152 ----- 1 ----- 06/08/2025 ✓	
✓ 17:5081(D)(4) ----- Amend ----- 152 ----- 1 ----- 06/08/2025 ✓	

Approved by JJB on 8-4-25  
(Attorney)

lw on 10/10/2025  
(Revisor)

# ACT 210

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HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

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To amend and reenact R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A) (introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii), to enact R.S. 17:2, and to repeal R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to reports required for submission to the legislature by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or state Department of Education; to provide that each law requiring such a report shall cease to be effective two years following the date of its first publication unless renewed by the legislature; to reduce the required number of annual meetings of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to abolish the task force created by the commission; to abolish the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and transfer certain commission duties to the department; to abolish the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Reports of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and state

Department of Education

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any provision of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 requiring the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education to submit a report as

1 defined in R.S. 24:771 shall cease to be effective on August first two years following  
2 the date of the first publication of the report unless renewed by the legislature.

3 B. If a bill providing for the renewal of a reporting requirement does not  
4 become law, the statute creating and continuing such report shall be construed as  
5 repealed on the applicable termination date.

6 Section 2. R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and  
7 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §205. Environmental Education Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation;  
9 funding

10 A. There is hereby created, within the state Department of Education, the  
11 environmental education section which shall ~~assist the commission and~~ perform  
12 responsibilities relative to education as provided for in this Subpart. Insofar as funds  
13 are appropriated, staff may be employed under the direction and control of the state  
14 superintendent of education and in accordance with policies of the department.

15 \* \* \*

16 §216. Curriculum framework

17 A. ~~The commission state~~ Department of Education shall develop a  
18 curriculum framework for establishing environmental education programs in all  
19 public and private elementary and secondary schools. The program shall integrate  
20 environmental concepts and skills into regular curricula, which include:

21 \* \* \*

22 B. ~~The commission shall work with the Department of Education to~~  
23 department shall implement an environmental education program in grades K-12.

24 \* \* \*

25 §407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

26 \* \* \*

27 G. The commission shall meet at least four two times per year. At each  
28 meeting, the state Department of Education shall provide updates on how the  
29 commission's recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make

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any further recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.

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§416.21. Behavior of students with exceptionalities; use of seclusion and physical restraint

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(b)

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(ii) The state Department of Education shall post the annual report on its website and submit a written copy to the Senate and House committees on education and the ~~Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline established pursuant to R.S. 17:253.~~

Section 3. R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4.(A) This Section and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2025.

(B) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2026.

CPVAL PRINT. PRINT 1 EFF. UNTIL 12/1/2025; THEN SEE ACT 479

  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

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# ACT 458

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 244 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Hensgens)

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

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To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1 (section heading), (A), (B), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b), (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q), introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and (6), and (D)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H), 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7), 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5), and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii), (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), the introductory paragraph of

1 (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraphs of 22(B) and (C), (D), and  
 2 (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6),  
 3 and (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F),  
 4 28(A), (C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H),  
 5 introductory paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1),  
 6 (3)(a), (5), and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4),  
 7 the introductory paragraph of (M)(1), and (M)(1)(c), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory  
 8 paragraph of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and  
 9 (14), 83(A)(5) and (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3) and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10),  
 10 (E)(2) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of  
 11 the Legislature of Louisiana, (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 87(A), introductory  
 12 paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of  
 13 Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,  
 14 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J), 88.1(A)(3) and (4),  
 15 (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E), (E)(1), and (F),  
 16 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),  
 17 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1) and (4), and (E)(4), introductory paragraph of  
 18 R.S. 30:91(A), 91(A)(1), (B)(1), (2)(a) and (c), (3), and (4), and (D), 92(A) and (C),  
 19 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:93(A), 94(A), introductory paragraph of (B)(1),  
 20 (2)(b), and (3), and (C), 95(B), (C), and (D), 101.2(A), 101.3(2), 101.4, 101.5(A)(2),  
 21 introductory paragraph of 101.6(A) and (B), 101.7(A), 101.8, introductory paragraph  
 22 of 101.9(D), (D)(1) and (2), 101.10(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), 101.13(A)  
 23 and (B)(2), and (C)(4), 101.14(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of R.S.  
 24 30:103.1(A), 121(A), (C), and (D), 125, 127.1(C)(10) and (11), and (D),  
 25 129(B)(1)(a), 135, 136.3(B)(1), (C) and (D), 143(D)(2) and (3), 148.8, 148.9(A)(1)  
 26 and (2), 153, 172, the introductory paragraph of 209(4)(e), 209.1(A) and (B)(1),  
 27 413(A) and (B), 414(A), 502(D), 503(1), (2), (4), (6), and (8), 504, the introductory  
 28 paragraph of 521(A) and 521(C), 524, 525, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:541  
 29 and 541(2), 544(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of 546(A), (A)(5), (B), and (C),  
 30 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:548, 551, 557(A), (B), (C), (D), the introductory

1 paragraph of (E), (E)(1), (F), and (G), 558(A), (B), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 559(A) and  
 2 (C), 560(B), (C), and (D), 561(A), (B), and (C), 571, introductory paragraph of  
 3 572(1), (1)(f), (h), and (i), 603(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (G), 604, 681.1(5), (8), and  
 4 (9), 681.2(2) and (3), 702(1), (2)(b), and (5), 703, 704(B), (C), (D), and (E), 705(A)  
 5 and (B), 706, 707, 722, 723(A), (F), and (H), 731(1), 732, 802, 904(2), (4), (7), (9),  
 6 (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C),  
 7 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F),  
 8 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15),  
 9 (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f),  
 10 (12), introductory paragraph of (15), (15)(e), (20), (22)(e), (25), introductory  
 11 paragraph of (C)(2), (2)(d), introductory paragraph of (3), and (4), (D)(3) and (4),  
 12 (E)(1), (4), and (5), 917(A)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (3), (B), (D),  
 13 (E), (F), and (G), 921, 1102, 1103(3), (14), and (15), introductory paragraph of  
 14 1104(A), 1104(A)(3), (9), (10), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (D), (E), the  
 15 introductory paragraph of 1107(A)(1), (A)(2), (B), (C), and the introductory  
 16 paragraph of (D), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1),  
 17 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C),  
 18 introductory paragraph of (C)(1), (1)(b), (f), (g), and (h), (2), and (3), introductory  
 19 paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 1115, 2200, 2455, and introductory paragraph of  
 20 2456(A), R.S. ~~31~~:115(C)(1)(b), R.S. ~~36~~351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and  
 21 (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory  
 22 paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), R.S. ~~38~~3072, 3073(8),  
 23 introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C),  
 24 (D), (E), introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079,  
 25 3081, 3083, 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, the introductory  
 26 paragraph of 3094(A), (A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B),  
 27 (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4),  
 28 (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and  
 29 (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraph  
 30 of (2), the introductory paragraph of (d), and the introductory paragraph of (f), and

1 (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.8(A) and  
2 (C), the introductory paragraph of 3098(A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S.  
3 44:4.1(B)(19), R.S. 45:251(3), 252, and 255, R.S. 49:214.29(B) and 992(D)(7), R.S.  
4 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21)  
5 and (D)(6), 21.1, 29(C)(6)(d), 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle  
6 I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of 98.1  
7 through 98.13, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6) and (7), 209(6), and 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1,  
8 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D) and 600, R.S.  
9 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4), and to repeal R.S. 17:200  
10 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of  
11 Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186  
12 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S.  
13 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the  
14 Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to rename the Department of Energy  
15 and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for  
16 the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to  
17 provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for  
18 the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary;  
19 to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and  
20 regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources  
21 Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural  
22 Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust  
23 Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state  
24 supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and  
25 Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease  
26 Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and  
27 procedures; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and  
28 necessity; to provide for carbon dioxide sequestration policy; to provide for notice;  
29 to provide for remediation; to provide for an administrative process for resolution of  
30 disputes within the department's jurisdiction; to provide for oilfield site restoration;

1 and to provide for related matters.

2 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

3 Section 1. R.S. 30:1(section heading), (A), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of  
 4 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b),  
 5 (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G),  
 6 (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory  
 7 paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q),  
 8 introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E),  
 9 (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and  
 10 (6), and (D)(1) and introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of  
 11 (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7),  
 12 (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H),  
 13 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph  
 14 of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph  
 15 of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i),  
 16 (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7),  
 17 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5),  
 18 and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii),  
 19 (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), introductory  
 20 paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D),  
 21 and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and  
 22 (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C),  
 23 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory  
 24 paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph  
 25 of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and  
 26 (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3), and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by  
 27 Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,  
 28 (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J),  
 29 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E),  
 30 (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),

1 leaseholder may recover for actual damages to his oyster beds or grounds caused by  
2 oil and gas activities.

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4 Section 11. R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 29(M)(1)(d), 85(D)(11), 86(F),  
5 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana,  
6 comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through  
7 2474, and R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1) are hereby  
8 repealed.

9 Section 12. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to replace all references  
10 to "Department of Energy and Natural Resources" in state law with "Department of  
11 Conservation and Energy".

12 Section 13. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to renumber the  
13 paragraphs in R.S. 38:3092 and 3097.2 and to redesignate R.S. 30:101.1 through 101.15 as  
14 Part IX of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

15 Section 14. In the event the Act which originated as House Bill No. 605 of the 2025  
16 Regular Session becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S.  
17 30:21.1 as enacted by Section 1 of that Act as R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b), which shall supersede R.S.  
18 30:4(Q)(1)(b) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

19 Section 15.(A) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall not apply  
20 to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of  
21 Section 2 of this Act and which is filed prior to September 1, 2027.

22 (B) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit  
23 for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of  
24 this Act and which is filed on or after September 1, 2027.

25 (C) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit  
26 for damages that arises out of activity conducted after the effective date of Section 2 of this  
27 Act.

28 Section 16.(A) Sections 2, 15, and 16 of this Act shall become effective upon  
29 signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for  
30 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section

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SB NO. 244

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1 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved  
2 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

3 (B) All remaining Sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 

June 24, 2025

# ACT 479

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 684 (Substitute for House Bill No. 237 by Representative Mack)

BY REPRESENTATIVES MACK, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, WILFORD  
CARTER, CARVER, COATES, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, JACKSON,  
OWEN, SPELL, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BARROW, CLOUD,  
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~17:7(5)(b)(i)~~, 416.1(B)(3)(b), 416.21, 1944.1(A) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1948(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(10), 8.1(A)(8), 1944.1(D)(1)(d), and ~~1948(A)(3)~~, and to repeal R.S. 17:1948(C)(7) and (9) and (G), relative to the behavior of students with exceptionalities; to provide relative to the use of seclusion and seclusion rooms; to provide relative to the use of physical restraint; to provide for reporting and documentation; to require the installation of cameras in special education classrooms; to require teacher preparation programs to include instruction on the use of seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:7(5)(b)(i), 416.1(B)(3)(b), 416.21, and 1944.1(A) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:7.2(A)(10), 8.1(A)(8), 1944.1(D)(1)(d), and ~~1948(A)(3)~~ are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

\* \* \*  
(5)  
\* \* \*

1 (b)(i) Prepare and adopt rules and guidelines for the ~~appropriate use of~~  
2 ~~seclusion, physical restraint, and mechanical~~ providing safe learning environments  
3 through training and monitoring the appropriate use of seclusion and physical  
4 restraint of students with exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942, in accordance  
5 with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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7 §7.2. Approved teacher education programs

8 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and  
9 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the State  
10 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, subject to the constitutional power  
11 and authority of the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University  
12 of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and  
13 Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern  
14 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, shall establish qualifications  
15 and requirements for the approval of teacher education programs from which  
16 graduates may be certified. The qualifications and requirements established by the  
17 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for an approved teacher  
18 education program shall include but not be limited to the following:

19 \* \* \*

20 (10) That the program include completion of a crisis intervention training  
21 program, as provided in R.S. 17:416.21, and effective strategies for behavior  
22 management of students with disabilities, which may be incorporated into an existing  
23 course of study.

24 \* \* \*

25 §8.1. Certification of teachers; parental notification

26 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and  
27 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the  
28 qualifications and requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and  
29 Secondary Education for certification of any applicant who completes an approved

1 teacher education program in Louisiana shall include but not be limited to the  
2 following:

3 \* \* \*  
4 ~~(8)~~ <sup>(9)</sup> That an applicant complete a crisis intervention training program created  
5 or approved by the state Department of Education.

6 \* \* \*  
7 §416.1. Discipline of students; additional disciplinary authority

8 \* \* \*  
9 B.

10 \* \* \*  
11 (3) Corporal punishment does not include:

12 \* \* \*  
13 (b) The use of seclusion and physical restraint as provided in R.S. 17:416.21.

14 \* \* \*  
15 §416.21. Behavior of students with exceptionalities; use of seclusion and physical  
16 restraint

17 A. As used in this Section:

18 (1)(a) "Crisis intervention" means the implementation of an action plan for  
19 school personnel to implement when a student exhibits disruptive behaviors that  
20 prevent him from participating in classroom or daily activities. Crisis intervention  
21 may include the following:

22 (i) The use of positive behavioral supports and sensory rooms or other  
23 calming spaces intentionally designed to help comfort and stabilize a student so that  
24 he may return to the classroom or daily activities.

25 (ii) In extraordinary circumstances, the use of seclusion and physical  
26 restraint as a means to safely de-escalate a situation in which a student poses a risk  
27 of imminent risk of harm to self or others.

28 (b) Information about a school's use of crisis intervention, including the  
29 proper use of seclusion and physical restraint, shall be included in a school's student

handbook and made available to the parent and legal guardian of each student with an Individualized Education Program or Behavioral Intervention Plan.

~~(1)~~ (2) "Imminent risk of harm" means an immediate and impending threat of a person causing substantial physical injury to self or others.

~~(2)(a)~~ (3)(a) "Mechanical restraint" means the application of any device or object used to limit a person's movement.

(b) Mechanical restraint does not include:

(i) A protective or stabilizing device used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for proper use and which is used in compliance with orders issued by an appropriately licensed health care provider.

(ii) Any device used by a duly licensed law enforcement officer in the execution of his official duties.

~~(3)(a)~~ (4)(a) "Physical restraint" means ~~bodily force used to limit a person's movement:~~ the use of manual restraint techniques that involve physical force applied to restrict the movement of all or part of a person's body.

(b) Physical restraint does not include:

(i) Consensual, solicited, or unintentional contact.

(ii) Momentary blocking of a student's action if the student's action is likely to result in harm to the student or any other person.

(iii) A school employee holding a student for less than three consecutive minutes within any given hour for the protection of the student or others.

~~(iii) (iv) Holding of a student, by one school employee;~~ A school employee holding a student for the purpose of calming or comforting the student, provided the student's freedom of movement or normal access to his or her body is not restricted.

~~(iv)~~ (v) Minimal physical contact for the purpose of safely escorting a student from one area to another.

~~(v)~~ (vi) Minimal physical contact for the purpose of assisting the student in completing a task or response.

~~(4)~~ (5) "Positive ~~behavior~~ behavioral interventions and support" means a systematic approach to embed evidence-based practices and data-driven ~~decision~~ <sup>decisionmaking</sup>

1 making when addressing student behavior in order to improve school climate and  
2 culture.

3 ~~(5)~~ (6) "School employee" means a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator,  
4 support staff member, or a provider of related services.

5 (7) "School health designee" means a school employee designated to assess  
6 the use of seclusion and physical restraint in the event that a school nurse is not  
7 present on a school campus at the time such measure is used.

8 ~~(6)~~ (8) "Seclusion" means a procedure that isolates and confines a student  
9 in a designated separate room or area until he or she is no longer an immediate  
10 danger imminent risk of harm to self or others.

11 ~~(7)~~ (9) "Seclusion room" means a room or other confined area, used on an  
12 individual basis, in which a student is removed from the regular classroom setting  
13 for a limited time to allow the student the opportunity to regain control in a private  
14 safe, secure, and supervised setting and from which the student is involuntarily  
15 prevented from leaving until he is no longer at risk of imminent harm to self or  
16 others. A seclusion room shall:

17 (a) Be free of any object that poses a danger to the student placed in the  
18 room.

19 (b) Have an observation window and be of a size that is appropriate for the  
20 student's size, behavior, and chronological and developmental age.

21 (c) Have a ceiling height and heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting  
22 systems comparable to operating classrooms in the school.

23 (10) "Sensory room" means a room or space that is used for the monitored  
24 separation of a student in an unlocked setting in which school personnel may use  
25 positive behavioral interventions and support to help to calm or stabilize a student's  
26 disruptive behavior. A sensory room may also be referred to as a "calming room",  
27 "calming space", "comfort room", "comfort space", "sensory space", "timeout room",  
28 or "timeout space". The appropriate use of sensory rooms shall not be considered  
29 seclusion, which shall only be used for the limited purpose of responding to a student  
30 posing an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

1 (8) (11) "Written guidelines and procedures" means the written guidelines  
2 and procedures adopted by a school's public school governing authority regarding  
3 appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention.

4 B.(1) Seclusion shall be used only:

5 (a) For student behaviors that involve an imminent risk of harm to self or  
6 others.

7 (b) As a last resort when de-escalation and other positive behavioral  
8 interventions and support attempts have failed and the student continues to pose an  
9 imminent threat risk of harm to self or others.

10 (2) Seclusion shall not be used as a routine school safety, discipline, or  
11 intervention measure or to address behaviors such as general noncompliance, self-  
12 stimulation, and academic refusal, and other behaviors that, while disruptive to a  
13 classroom setting or other daily school activities, do not present an imminent risk of  
14 harm to self or others. Such School employees shall respond to such behaviors shall  
15 be responded to with less stringent and less restrictive techniques, such as those  
16 included in a school's or student's crisis intervention plan or a student's  
17 Individualized Education Program or Behavioral Intervention Plan.

18 (3)(a) A seclusion room shall be used only as a last resort if and when less  
19 restrictive crisis intervention measures, such as positive behavioral supports,  
20 constructive and non-physical de-escalation, and restructuring of a student's  
21 environment, have failed to stop a student's actions that pose an imminent risk of  
22 harm to self or others.

23 (b) A student shall be placed in a seclusion room only by a school employee  
24 who uses accepted methods of escorting a student to a seclusion room, placing a  
25 student in a seclusion room, and supervising a student while he or she is in the  
26 seclusion room.

27 (c) Only one student may be placed in a seclusion room at any given time,  
28 and the school employee supervising the student must be able to see and hear the  
29 student the entire time the student is placed in the seclusion room.

30 ~~(4) A seclusion room shall:~~

1           ~~(a) Be free of any object that poses a danger to the student placed in the~~  
2           ~~room.~~

3           ~~(b) Have an observation window and be of a size that is appropriate for the~~  
4           ~~student's size, behavior, and chronological and developmental age.~~

5           ~~(c) Have a ceiling height and heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting~~  
6           ~~systems comparable to operating classrooms in the school.~~

7           C.(1) Physical restraint shall be used only:

8           (a) When a student's behavior presents a threat of imminent risk of harm to  
9           self or others and only as a last resort to protect the safety of self and others.

10          (b) To the degree necessary to stop dangerous behavior.

11          (c) In a manner that causes no physical injury to the student, results in the  
12          least possible discomfort, and does not interfere in any way with a student's  
13          breathing or ability to communicate with others.

14          ~~(d) By trained personnel, except in emergency situations in which there is~~  
15          ~~not sufficient time to have trained personnel respond. Minimum training~~  
16          ~~requirements shall be specified in rules promulgated by the State Board of~~  
17          ~~Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

18          (2) ~~No student shall be subjected to any~~ The following practices are  
19          prohibited in any public school:

20          ~~(a) Any form of mechanical restraint.~~

21          ~~(3) No student shall be physically restrained~~

22          ~~(b) Physical restraint~~ in a manner that places excessive pressure on the a  
23          student's chest or back or that causes asphyxia.

24          ~~(4) A student shall be physically restrained only~~

25          ~~(c) Physical restraint~~ in a manner that is ~~directly~~ proportionate  
26          disproportionate to the circumstances and to the a student's size, age, and severity of  
27          behavior.

28          D. Seclusion and physical restraint shall not be used as a form of discipline  
29          or punishment, as a threat to control, bully, or obtain behavioral compliance, or for  
30          the convenience of school personnel.

1 E. ~~No student shall be subjected to~~ No school employee shall subject a  
2 student to unreasonable, unsafe, or unwarranted use of seclusion or physical restraint.

3 F. ~~A student shall not be placed in seclusion or physically restrained if he or~~  
4 she (1) No school employee shall seclude or physically restrain a student who is  
5 known to have any medical or psychological condition that precludes such action,  
6 as certified by a licensed health-care pediatrician, neurologist, or mental health  
7 provider in a written statement provided to the school in which the student is  
8 enrolled.

9 (2) Each principal or his designee shall notify each parent or legal guardian  
10 of a student enrolled at the school with an Individualized Education Program of the  
11 prohibition of the use of seclusion and physical restraint if the student has a  
12 condition as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Such notification shall be  
13 made annually and be incorporated into the student's Individualized Education  
14 Program meeting.

15 G. A school employee shall continuously monitor a student who has been  
16 placed in seclusion or has been is secluded or physically restrained shall be  
17 monitored continuously for the duration of such seclusion or restraint. Such  
18 monitoring shall be documented at least every fifteen minutes and adjustments made  
19 accordingly, based upon observations of the student's behavior.

20 H. ~~A student shall be removed from seclusion or released~~ school employee  
21 shall release a student from seclusion and physical restraint as soon as the reasons  
22 for justifying such action have subsided.

23 I. ~~(1) The parent or other legal guardian of a student who has been placed in~~  
24 seclusion or physically restrained shall be notified as soon as possible. The student's  
25 parent or other legal guardian shall also be notified in writing, within twenty-four  
26 hours, of each incident of seclusion or physical restraint. Such notice shall include  
27 the reason for such seclusion or physical restraint, the procedures used, the length of  
28 time of the student's seclusion or physical restraint, and the names and titles of any  
29 school employee involved.

1                   ~~(2) The director or supervisor of special education shall be notified any time~~  
2                   ~~a student is placed in seclusion or is physically restrained. Upon a student's release~~  
3                   ~~from seclusion or physical restraint:~~

4                   (1)(a) The school employee who secluded or physically restrained the  
5                   student shall notify the school principal and the principal or his designee shall notify  
6                   electronically the director or supervisor of special education as soon as is practicable  
7                   but no later than one hour following the release of the student, or the end of the same  
8                   school day, whichever occurs first.

9                   (b) The school employee who secluded or physically restrained the student  
10                  or a school administrator shall notify the parent or legal guardian of the student via  
11                  a phone call as soon as is practicable but no later than the end of the same school  
12                  day.

13                  (2) A school nurse or school health designee shall visit the student as soon  
14                  as possible, but no later than the end of the same school day, to look for and  
15                  document any signs of injury or distress.

16                  J. ~~A school employee who has placed a student in seclusion or who has~~  
17                  ~~physically restrained a student shall document and report each incident in accordance~~  
18                  ~~with the policies adopted by the school's governing authority. Such report shall be~~  
19                  ~~submitted to the school principal not later than the school day immediately following~~  
20                  ~~the day on which the student was placed in seclusion or physically restrained and a~~  
21                  ~~copy shall be provided to the student's parent or legal guardian. A school employee~~  
22                  who secluded or physically restrained a student shall document and report the  
23                  incident in accordance with the policies adopted by the public school governing  
24                  authority. The employee shall submit such report to the school principal by the end  
25                  of the next school day following the incident. The principal or his designee shall  
26                  submit the report to the parent by the end of the next school day following receipt of  
27                  the report. At a minimum, the incident report shall include the following:

28                  (1) The name, age, grade, gender, race, and disability of the student secluded  
29                  or restrained.

1           (2) The date, time, location, and duration of the seclusion or physical  
2           restraint.

3           (3) The name and title of each school employee involved and who was a  
4           witness.

5           (4) A description of the events requiring the use of seclusion or physical  
6           restraint, including a description of the procedures and types of restraint used, any  
7           actions taken in an attempt to de-escalate the situation, and the student's behavior  
8           that suggest the student posed an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

9           (5) A description of any student injuries, visible marks, or medical  
10           emergencies that occurred during or after the seclusion or physical restraint.

11           (6) A description of the actions taken immediately following the student's  
12           release from seclusion or physical restraint, including actions to notify the student's  
13           parent or legal guardian.

14           (7) A description of the student's actions immediately following the student's  
15           release from seclusion or restraint.

16           K. ~~If a student is involved in five incidents in a single school year involving~~  
17           ~~the use of physical restraint or seclusion, the student's Individualized Education~~  
18           ~~Program team shall review and revise the student's behavior intervention plan to~~  
19           ~~include any appropriate and necessary behavioral supports. Thereafter, if the~~  
20           ~~student's challenging behavior continues or escalates requiring repeated use of~~  
21           ~~seclusion or physical restraint practices, the special education director or his~~  
22           ~~designee shall review the student's plans at least once every three weeks.~~

23           A school principal or his designee and the director or supervisor of special  
24           education shall review video and audio footage, if available, to ensure policies and  
25           proper techniques were followed during the incident.

26           L. If a student is involved in three incidents in a school year involving the  
27           use of seclusion or physical restraint as a result of posing an imminent risk of harm  
28           to self or others, the special education teacher shall send prior written notice of the  
29           intention to call an Individualized Education Program team meeting to the student's  
30           parent or legal guardian, and at such meeting, his Individualized Education Program

1 team shall review and revise the student's Behavioral Intervention Plan, including  
 2 any crisis intervention plans, to include any appropriate and necessary behavioral  
 3 supports. Thereafter, if the student's challenging behavior continues or escalates,  
 4 requiring repeated use of seclusion or physical restraint, the director or supervisor  
 5 of special education or his designee shall review the student's plans at least once  
 6 every three weeks.

7 M.(1) ~~The~~ Each public school governing authority of each public elementary  
 8 and secondary school shall adopt written guidelines and procedures regarding:

9 (a) ~~Reporting requirements and follow-up procedures.~~ Proper use of crisis  
 10 intervention plans, including the use of positive behavioral interventions and support,  
 11 sensory rooms, seclusion, and physical restraint, and how these strategies differ.

12 (b) ~~Notification requirements for school officials and a student's parent or~~  
 13 ~~other legal guardian.~~ All seclusion and physical restraint safety, reporting, and  
 14 notification requirements, including any follow-up procedures.

15 (c) An explanation of the methods of physical restraint and the school  
 16 employee training requirements relative to the use of restraint.

17 (d) An explanation of how school employees may utilize and be trained in  
 18 a crisis intervention training program.

19 (2)(a) These guidelines and procedures shall be provided to the state  
 20 Department of Education, all school employees, and every parent or legal guardian  
 21 of a student with an exceptionality. ~~The guidelines and procedures shall also be~~  
 22 ~~posted at each school and on each school system's website.~~

23 (b) ~~The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not be~~  
 24 ~~applicable to the parent of a student who has been deemed to be gifted or talented~~  
 25 ~~unless the student has been identified as also having a disability.~~ At the beginning  
 26 of each school year, each public school governing authority shall post on its website  
 27 the guidelines and procedures adopted in accordance with the provisions of this  
 28 Subsection.

29 (3) Each public school governing authority shall annually submit prior to the  
 30 beginning of each school year its guidelines and procedures adopted in accordance

1 with the provisions of this Subsection to its special education advisory council  
2 provided for in R.S. 17:1944.1.

3 (4) The state department shall maintain on its website, and annually  
4 distribute to public school governing authorities, updated guidance for recommended  
5 best practices relative to the use of seclusion and physical restraint for students with  
6 exceptionalities.

7 N.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt  
8 rules establishing guidelines and procedures for public school systems to follow  
9 regarding the reporting of incidents of seclusion and physical restraint, including  
10 specific data elements to be included in such reporting.

11 (2) ~~The Each public school governing authority of each public elementary~~  
12 ~~and secondary school, authority,~~ authority, in accordance with state board policy, shall report  
13 all instances where seclusion or physical restraint is used to address student behavior  
14 to the state Department of Education.

15 (3)(a) The state Department of Education shall maintain a database of all  
16 reported incidents of seclusion and physical restraint of students with  
17 exceptionalities and shall disaggregate the data for analysis by school; student age,  
18 race, ethnicity, and gender; student disability, where applicable; and any involved  
19 school employees.

20 (b)(i) Based upon the data collected, the state Department of Education shall  
21 annually compile a comprehensive report regarding the use of seclusion and physical  
22 restraint of students with exceptionalities, which shall at a minimum include the  
23 following:

24 (aa) The number of incidents of physical restraint disaggregated by school  
25 system; student age, race, ethnicity, gender, and student disability classification.

26 (bb) The number of incidents of seclusion disaggregated by school system;  
27 student age, race, ethnicity, gender, and student disability classification.

28 (cc) A list of the school systems and charter schools that have complied with  
29 the reporting requirements pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

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(ii) The state Department of Education shall post the annual report on its website and submit a written copy to the Senate and House committees on education and the ~~Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline~~ established pursuant to R.S. 17:253 Special Education Advisory Panel.

O.(1) The department may develop a crisis intervention training program that may be used by each public school governing authority. If the department develops such a program, at a minimum, it shall cover the following:

(a) Teach evidence-based techniques that are shown to be effective in the prevention and safe use of seclusion and physical restraint.

(b) Provide evidence-based, competency-based skills training relating to positive support, conflict prevention, de-escalation, and crisis response techniques including but not limited to the following:

(i) Guidelines on understanding when there is an imminent danger of serious physical harm to a student or others and when to intervene in such a scenario.

(ii) An emphasis on safety and respect for the right and dignity of each person involved in an incident that involves the use of seclusion or physical restraint on a student.

(iii) An emphasis on using the least restrictive form of intervention and taking incremental steps in an intervention.

(iv) Alternatives to the use of seclusion and physical restraint.

(v) Strategies for the safe implementation of restrictive interventions.

(vi) The use of emergency safety interventions that include continuous assessment and monitoring of the physical well-being of a student and the safe use of seclusion and physical restraint throughout the duration of a restrictive intervention.

(vii) Prohibited actions relative to seclusion and physical restraint.

(viii) Debriefing strategies and the importance and purpose of debriefing.

(ix) Best practices for documentation of instances of the use of seclusion of and physical restraint on a student.

(x) Measurable learning objectives for participants.



1 ~~and secondary school shall adopt policies relative to the installation and operation~~  
 2 ~~of cameras that record both video and audio in a classroom. The policies shall be~~  
 3 ~~adopted not later than December 31, 2022, or within sixty days of the receipt of~~  
 4 ~~funding for the installation of cameras, whichever occurs first.~~ <sup>(2)</sup> ~~(1)~~ Each public  
 5 school governing authority shall install a camera in each classroom and verify  
 6 periodically that the camera remains in operation.

7 <sup>(3)</sup> ~~(2)~~ Should a camera be out of operation for more than two consecutive school  
 8 days, the school shall provide notice to parents of students in the affected classroom  
 9 via normal school communication channels.

10 <sup>(A)</sup> ~~(2)~~ ~~(2)~~ Not later than January 15, 2023, each Each governing authority shall  
 11 submit a copy of the policies adopted pursuant to this Section to the state Department  
 12 of Education. Within ten days of any revision of the policies, each governing  
 13 authority shall submit a copy of the policies to the department.

14 B. For purposes of this Section, "classroom" shall mean a self-contained  
 15 classroom or other special education setting in which a majority of students in  
 16 regular attendance are provided special education and related services and are  
 17 assigned to one or more self-contained classrooms or other special education settings  
 18 for at least fifty percent of the instructional day ~~and for which a parent or legal~~  
 19 ~~guardian has requested a camera to be installed.~~ "Classroom" shall not mean special  
 20 education classrooms and other special education settings where the only students  
 21 with exceptionalities receiving special education and related services are those who  
 22 have been deemed to be gifted or talented and have not been identified as also having  
 23 a disability.

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25 Section 3. R.S. 17:1948(C)(7) and (9) and (G) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

26 Section 4. Following the passage of this Act, the state Department of Education shall  
 27 update the Procedural Safeguards Handbook to reflect the provisions of this Act, including  
 28 R.S. 17:416.21(F) as amended by this Act, prior to the beginning of the 2025-2026 school  
 29 year.

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Section 5. Each public school governing authority shall initially submit its guidelines and procedures as provided in R.S. 17:416.21(M)(1) and (3) as amended by this Act by May 31, 2026. Thereafter, submission is required prior to the beginning of each subsequent school year.

*Acts 2025, No. 479*

*[NOTE CITED PROVISIONS]*

Section 6.(A) This Section and Sections 1, 4, and 5 of this Act shall become effective on December 1, 2025.

(B) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on February 1, 2026.

*Philip R. Roth*  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: *Angeline Fred June 20, 2025*

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# ACT 353

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 321

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F) relative to teachers; to require instruction and testing on numeracy as a component of teacher certification; to require professional development for certain math teachers; to require numeracy coaches to provide training for such teachers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§8.1. Certification of teachers; parental notification

A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the qualifications and requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for certification of any applicant who completes an approved teacher education program in Louisiana shall include but not be limited to the following:

\* \* \*

(8)(a) That the applicant has met at least one of the following requirements:

(i) Has completed the prescribed number of semester hours in the teaching of foundational numeracy as established in rule by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with the level of certification to be awarded.

1 The components of the foundational numeracy courses shall be as provided in R.S.  
2 17:7.2(A)(4).

3 (ii) Has completed numeracy training appropriate to the certification area  
4 and approved by the state Department of Education in alignment with the numeracy  
5 competencies identified in scientifically based mathematics research at the national  
6 level and approved by the state board for the teaching of mathematics.

7 (b) That an applicant who is applying for initial certification to teach  
8 kindergarten through eighth grade has completed either the prescribed number of  
9 semester hours in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or the  
10 numeracy professional development pursuant to R.S. 17:24.13.

11 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall be implemented beginning on  
12 September 1, 2028.

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14 §24.13. Numeracy professional development; purpose; requirements; reporting;  
15 funding

16 A. As used in this Section:

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18 (2) "Teacher" means each fourth kindergarten through eighth grade public  
19 school teacher who teaches mathematics.

20 B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the state  
21 Department of Education shall:

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23 (2)(a) Not later than August 1, 2025, require each fourth through eighth  
24 grade teacher to successfully complete at least one approved professional  
25 development course and provide documentation to the teacher's employing school.  
26 A teacher who provides documentation of a successfully completed approved  
27 professional development course within five years prior to August 1, 2025, shall be  
28 considered in compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph: Subparagraph.  
29 Courses completed more than five years prior to August 1, 2025, shall not be used  
30 to fulfill the requirements of this Paragraph: Subparagraph.

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implement the provisions of this Section if numeracy-related expenditures are allowable under relevant funding guidelines.

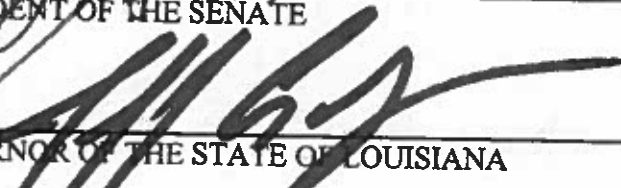
E. F.(1) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to extend the hours in the teacher's work day nor the hours to be worked in a year.

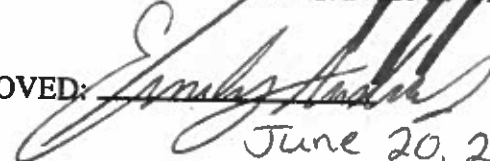
(2) A public school governing authority may offer a stipend for completion of numeracy training outside of a teacher's normal work day or a combination of a stipend and job-embedded training time.

Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Louisiana Numeracy and Excellence (LANE) Act".

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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# ACT 366

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HOUSE BILL NO. 466

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BRASS, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS AND SENATORS BOUDREAUX, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, MIGUEZ, SELDERS, STINE, AND WOMACK

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~17:24.13~~ and to enact R.S. 17:418.1 and 3996(B)(4), relative to teachers and other school employees, to require public school systems to provide a salary increase to certain personnel; to provide relative to the amount of the increase; to provide relative to related benefits; to provide for a funding mechanism; to provide for definitions; to require professional development for certain math teachers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:418.1 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§418.1. Salary increase: teachers and other school employees

A.(1)(a) Each public school system shall provide a permanent salary increase, plus any related benefits, of two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for certificated personnel and one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars for noncertificated personnel. Each public school system shall fund the increase and related benefits using the net savings realized by the system from the reduction in its employer contribution rate attributable to the state's payment of certain unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

(b) Each public school system shall incorporate the permanent salary increase as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph into its salary schedule and shall also provide such increase, plus any related benefits, to personnel who are on approved leave when such increase is provided, including but not limited to the following types of leave:

1            (i) Leave due to assault, battery, or physical contact with a student as  
2            provided in R.S. 17:1201 and 1206.1.

3            (ii) Sabbatical leave.

4            (iii) Military leave.

5            (iv) Maternity leave or adoptive leave.

6            (2) If the amount of net savings realized by a school system is in excess of  
7            the amount needed to fully fund the salary increases in the amounts specified in this  
8            Subsection, plus any related benefits, the school system shall only expend such  
9            excess savings on the following:

10           (a) Employing personnel who qualify for differentiated compensation  
11           allocations in critical shortage areas, including grades kindergarten through twelve  
12           special education, grades six through twelve mathematics, grades six through twelve  
13           science, or other critical shortage areas as defined by the State Board of Elementary  
14           and Secondary Education.

15           (b) Employing personnel for a summer enrichment program pursuant to R.S.  
16           17:401.11 et seq.

17           (c) Early childhood education programs that focus on enhancing the  
18           preparation of at-risk children for school.

19           (d) School security enhancements.

20           (e) Technology.

21           (f)(i) A salary increase, plus any related benefits, in an amount that exceeds  
22           the amounts specified in Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection.

23           (ii) If the school system expends excess savings for this purpose:

24           (aa) The provision of the increase, plus any related benefits, shall be subject  
25           to the requirements of Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection.

26           (bb) The amount of the increase, plus any related benefits, provided for  
27           certificated personnel shall be uniform and apply to all certificated personnel.

28           (cc) The amount of the increase, plus any related benefits, provided for  
29           noncertificated personnel shall be uniform and apply to all noncertificated personnel.

30           B. For purposes of this Section:

1           (1)(a) "Personnel" means both certificated personnel and noncertificated  
 2           personnel as defined in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph who are employed based  
 3           on the staffing data submitted to the official personnel data reporting system of the  
 4           state Department of Education as of October first of the school year when the salary  
 5           increase, plus any related benefits, is provided.

6           (b)(i) "Certificated personnel" means personnel employed as Teachers (all  
 7           function codes 1000-2200s, object code 112); Therapists/Specialists/Counselors  
 8           (function codes 1000-2200s, object code 113); School Site-based Principals,  
 9           Assistant Principals, and Other School Administrators (function code 2400s, object  
 10           code 111); Central Office Certificated Administrators (function codes 1000-2200 &  
 11           2324, 2831, and 2832 (excluding 2130s), object code 111); School Nurses (function  
 12           code 2134, object code 118); and Sabbaticals (function codes 1000-2200s, 2134, and  
 13           2400s, object code 140).

14           (ii) "Noncertificated personnel" means personnel employed as Aides  
 15           (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 115); Support Supervisors (function codes  
 16           2130s, 2300s (excluding 2311, 2321, 2324, 2831 and 2832) and 2500-4900s, object  
 17           code 111); Clerical/Secretarial (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 114);  
 18           Service Workers (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 116); Skilled Craftsmen  
 19           (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 117); Degreed Professionals (function  
 20           codes 1000-4900s, (excluding 2134s) object code 118); and Other Personnel  
 21           (function codes 1000-4900s, object codes 100, 110 and 119).

22           (c) The positions, object codes, and function codes provided in Subparagraph  
 23           (b) of this Paragraph shall be defined as provided in Chapter 9 of Part XLI of Title  
 24           28 of the Louisiana Administrative Code.

25           (2) "Public school system" means any city, parish, or other local public  
 26           school board, any charter school, or any other elementary or secondary school  
 27           governing authority that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of  
 28           Louisiana.

29           C. Not later than December thirty-first of the year that the salary increase is  
 30           provided as required in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, each public school system

1 shall submit a report to the state Department of Education in a manner determined  
 2 by the department that documents such implementation and the expending of any  
 3 excess savings as provided in Paragraph (A)<sup>(2)</sup> of this Section. The department shall  
 4 submit a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
 5 Education not later than March first of the next year containing the information  
 6 reported by each system pursuant to this Subsection.

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8 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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10 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
 11 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
 12 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
 13 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
 14 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
 15 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
 16 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

17 \* \* \*

18 (4) Compensation for teachers and other school employees if the charter  
 19 school participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, R.S. 17:418.1.

20 \* \* \*

21 ~~Section 2. R.S. 17:24.13 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

22 §24.13. Numeracy professional development; purpose; requirements; reporting;  
 23 funding

24 A. As used in this Section:

25 (1) "Approved professional development course" means a numeracy skills  
 26 instruction course to be presented during the educator's work day, but not during the  
 27 statutorily guaranteed planning period, designed for the professional development  
 28 of educators that includes information on instructing students regarding the vertical  
 29 alignment of mathematical concepts and the blending of concepts, procedures,  
 30 strategies, problem-solving, and disposition.

1 (2) "Teacher" means each ~~fourth~~ kindergarten through eighth grade public  
2 school teacher who teaches mathematics.

3 B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the state  
4 Department of Education shall:

5 (1) Not later than March 1, 2024, develop a list of approved professional  
6 development courses.

7 (2)(a) Not later than August 1, 2025, require each fourth through eighth  
8 grade teacher to successfully complete at least one approved professional  
9 development course and provide documentation to the teacher's employing school.  
10 A teacher who provides documentation of a successfully completed approved  
11 professional development course within five years prior to August 1, 2025, shall be  
12 considered in compliance with the provisions of this ~~Paragraph~~: Subparagraph.  
13 Courses completed more than five years prior to August 1, 2025, shall not be used  
14 to fulfill the requirements of this ~~Paragraph~~: Subparagraph.

15 (b) Not later than August 1, 2027, require each kindergarten through third  
16 grade teacher to successfully complete at least one approved professional  
17 development course and provide documentation to the teacher's employing school.  
18 A teacher who provides documentation of a successfully completed approved  
19 professional development course within five years prior to August 1, 2027, shall be  
20 considered in compliance with the provisions of this Subparagraph. Courses  
21 completed more than five years prior to August 1, 2027, shall not be used to fulfill  
22 the requirements of this Subparagraph.

23 (3)(a) Require any fourth through eighth grade teacher hired after July 31,  
24 2025, to provide documentation to the employing school of successful completion  
25 of an approved professional development course within two years of the date of  
26 employment.

27 (b) Require any kindergarten through third grade teacher hired after July 31,  
28 2027, to provide documentation to the employing school of successful completion  
29 of an approved professional development course within two years of the date of  
30 employment.

1 (4)(a) On May 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, require each city, parish, or  
2 other local public school board to report to the department the number and  
3 percentage of teachers who have successfully completed an approved professional  
4 development course.

5 (b) The data required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be  
6 included in the department's school progress profiles required by R.S. 17:3911 and  
7 3912.

8 C. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules  
9 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions  
10 of this Section.

11 D. The ~~effectiveness~~ implementation of the provisions of this Section shall  
12 be subject to the designation and allocation of funds by the state Department of  
13 Education; ~~however, no state funds or obligated federal funds shall be used to~~  
14 ~~implement the provisions of this Section.~~ Federal and state funds may be used to  
15 implement the provisions of this Section if numeracy-related expenditures are  
16 allowable under relevant funding guidelines.

17 E.(1) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to extend the hours in the  
18 teacher's work day nor the hours to be worked in a year.

19 (2) A public school governing authority may offer a stipend for completion  
20 of numeracy professional development outside of a teacher's normal work day or a  
21 combination of a stipend and job-embedded training time.

22 Section 3. If Section 1 of this Act becomes effective, the salary increase  
23 required by R.S. 17:418.1 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be applied  
24 beginning with the school year following the effective date of Section 1 of this Act  
25 and shall not supplant or offset any salaries or salary supplements to which personnel  
26 were entitled prior to the effective date of Section 1 of this Act.

27 Section 4. The provisions of R.S. 17:24.13 as amended and reenacted in  
28 Section 2 of this Act shall supersede and control the provisions of R.S.  
29 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) as amended and reenacted and  
30 R.S. 17:24.13(F) as enacted in House Bill No. 321 of the 2025 Regular Session of

[NOTE @ RS 17:418.1]  
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the Louisiana Legislature, and R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) as amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:24.13(F) as enacted in House Bill No. 321 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature shall not become effective.

Section 5.(A) Section 1 of this Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 473 of this 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(B) Sections 2 through 4 of this Act and this Section of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2025.

[ACTS 2025, NO. 363]

[ACTS 2025, No. 366]

[ACTS 2025, No. 222]

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SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATORS CARTER, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRASS, CARLSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, TERRY LANDRY, OWEN, TAYLOR AND YOUNG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. ~~17:183.4~~ and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§183.4. Vocational and technical education; partnering with other schools to provide courses**

**A. All public high schools shall provide students the opportunity to enroll in available vocational and technical education courses.**

**B.(1) If a high school does not offer vocational and technical education courses, the governing authority of the school may enter into agreements to partner with other public schools or with one or more two-year public postsecondary education institutions in the state or with nonprofit proprietary schools or Course Choice providers approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide available vocational and technical education courses for the student as required in Subsection A of this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to supersede R.S. 17:4002.1 et seq.**

**(2) If the high school's approved mission or curriculum model does not align with providing vocational and technical education courses, the governing authority of the school may request a waiver from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education of the requirements of Subsection A of this Section.**

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(3) No student shall be assessed a course fee when the local education agency receives career development funds in the minimum foundation program for such course.

C. All public high schools shall advise students of the availability of the TOPS Tech Early Start Award for eligible students and shall provide information on the eligibility criteria of the award.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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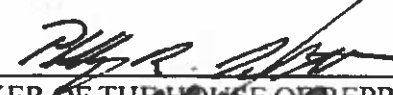
B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(22)  
(A) Vocational and technical education (R.S. 17:183.4).

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BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.6(G), relative to the Geaux Teach Program; to provide for the application and use of scholarship awards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:7.6(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§7.6. Geaux Teach Program and Geaux Teach Fund

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G. Scholarship awards shall be applicable only to the cost of tuition, required fees, and textbooks and instructional materials required for the course of study. The award shall be used ~~only after~~ before all other state or institutional financial aid and awards are applied and only for ~~any remaining balance due~~ for tuition, required fees, and textbooks and instructional materials required for the course of study.

  
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# ACT 409

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SENATE BILL NO. 41

BY SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIZELL, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, MENA, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR AND WALTERS

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## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~14:91.3(A)~~, the introductory paragraph of R.S. ~~15:587.1(C)~~,  
587.1(C)(1), and 1110.3(H), the introductory paragraph of R.S. ~~17:8.7(B)~~ and  
8.7(B)(1), 15(A)(1)(a), (b)(i)(bb) and (cc), and (b)(ii) and (2)(a)(i) through <sup>(iv)</sup>~~(v)~~, (D),  
and (E), 16(A), 24.8(A) and (B)(2), 407.33(5), 407.35(A), 407.42(A)(2) and  
(B)(1)(b), 407.46(A)(1), 407.71(A), 443(B)(1), 493(C)(1), and 3996(B)(28), R.S.  
~~24:525(D)~~, R.S. ~~40:2008.10(A)(3)~~ and 2019(F)(3)(b), R.S. ~~46:51.2(A)(1)(b)~~,  
56(F)(1), (4)(c), (10)(b)(i), and (11), and 1414.1(A), ~~Children's Code Art. 116(2.1)~~  
and (2.2), 603(4)(a) and (17)(d), 603.1(B), 610(A), (E)(1) and (2), and (H),  
612(A)(3), 615(B)(2), (3), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 615(E) and  
615(E)(1) and (4)(a) and (F), 616(B), the introductory paragraph of 616(D), 616(E)  
and (H), and 616.1.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(dd) and (2)(a)<sup>(v)</sup>~~(vi)~~,  
407.41, and 3996(B)(82), Children's Code Art. 603(17)(l) through (o) and 610(I) and  
~~Civil Code Art. 2315.12~~, relative to child welfare; to provide for review of the state  
central registry for school employees; to provide for reporting recordation on the  
state central registry; to provide for the licensure of early learning centers; to provide  
for child welfare and safety minimum standards for prekindergarten programs; to

1 provide for child abuse and neglect determinations; to provide for definitions in the  
2 Children's Code; to provide for mandatory reporting training; to provide for  
3 procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect; to provide for the responsibility of  
4 the Department of Children and Family Services to respond to reports; to provide for  
5 investigations of child sexual abuse in a school setting; to provide for liability for  
6 damages caused by sexual abuse in a school setting; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:91.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §91.3. Unlawful participation in a child-related business

11 A. No person who has been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or nolo  
12 contendere to, an offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) or whose name is recorded on  
13 the Department of Children and Family Services' state central registry on or  
14 after August 1, 2018, shall own, operate, or in any way participate in the governance  
15 of any early learning center as defined by R.S. 17:407.33, residential home as  
16 defined by R.S. 46:1403, or residence in which child care services are provided by  
17 a family child care provider or in-home provider who is registered pursuant to R.S.  
18 17:407.61 et seq.

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20 Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:587.1(C), 587.1(C)(1), and  
21 1110.3(H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

22 §587.1. Provision of information to protect children

23 \* \* \*

24 C. The provisions of R.S. 15:825.3, R.S. 17:8.9, 15, 407.42, and 407.71, R.S.  
25 46:51.2 and ~~1441.13~~, and Children's Code Article 424.1 shall govern the  
26 employment of persons who have been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo  
27 contendere to, any of the following crimes:

- 28 (1) R.S. 14:30, R.S. 14:30.1, R.S. 14:31, R.S. 14:32.6 through R.S. 14:32.8,  
29 R.S. 14:41 through R.S. 14:45, R.S. 14:46.2 through R.S. 14:46.4, R.S. 14:74, R.S.  
30 ~~14:78~~, R.S. ~~14:78.1~~, R.S. 14:79.1, R.S. 14:80 through R.S. 14:86, R.S. 14:89, R.S.

1 14:89.1, R.S. 14:89.2, R.S. 14:92, R.S. 14:93, R.S. 14:93.2.1, R.S. 14:93.3, R.S.  
2 14:93.5, crimes of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), sex offenses as defined in  
3 R.S. 15:541, R.S. 14:106, R.S. 14:282, R.S. 14:283, R.S. 14:283.1, R.S. 14:284, R.S.  
4 14:286, R.S. 40:966(A), R.S. 40:967(A), R.S. 40:968(A), R.S. 40:969(A), and R.S.  
5 40:970(A) or convictions for attempt or conspiracy to commit any of those offenses;

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7 §1110.3. Licensing; transfer to office of juvenile justice

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9 H.(1) Any owner, operator, current or prospective employee, or volunteer of  
10 a juvenile detention facility that is requesting licensure or is licensed by the office  
11 of juvenile justice is prohibited from being employed by the facility if that  
12 individual's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a  
13 **justified substantiated** finding of abuse or neglect of a child.

14 (2) If the individual's name is or was entered on the state central registry, the  
15 individual who is the subject of the finding may file a written motion seeking  
16 correction to the division of administrative law for an administrative appeal of the  
17 **justified substantiated** determination, in accordance with Children's Code Article  
18 616.1.1 and the procedures promulgated by the office.

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20 Section 3. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:8.7(B) and 8.7(B)(1), 15(A)(1)(a),  
21 (b)(i)(bb) and (cc), and (b)(ii) and (2)(a)(ii) through <sup>(iv)</sup> ~~(v)~~, (D), and (E), 16(A), 24.8(A) and  
22 (B)(2), 407.33(5), 407.35(A), 407.42(A)(2) and ~~(B)(1)(b)~~, 407.46(A)(1), 407.71(A),  
23 443(B)(1), 493(C)(1), and 3996(B)(28) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
24 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i) <sup>(v) and</sup> ~~(d)~~ and (2)(a)(vi), 407.41, and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as  
25 follows:

26 §8.7. Prohibition against granting an educator credential or teaching authorization  
27 to certain persons; appeals

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29 B. The board may, after a successful appeal, issue an educator credential or  
30 other teaching authorization to a person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo

1           contendere to a felony offense, or except for an offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C),  
 2           who has been found to have submitted fraudulent documentation to the board or the  
 3           state Department of Education as part of an application for a teaching certificate or  
 4           other teaching authorization, or who has been found to have facilitated cheating on  
 5           any state assessment as determined by the board, if all of the following conditions  
 6           apply:

7                       (1) Five years have passed from ~~the date of entry of the person's final~~  
 8                       ~~conviction, the date of entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or the date of receipt of~~  
 9                       notification from the board of its determination that the person submitted fraudulent  
 10                      documentation or facilitated cheating on a state assessment.

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12           §15. Criminal history review

13                       A.(1)(a) A person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to  
 14                       a crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) or whose name is recorded on the Department  
 15                       of Children and Family Services' state central registry on or after August 1,  
 16                       2018, shall not be hired by a city, parish, or other local public school board or a  
 17                       nonpublic school or school system as a bus operator, substitute bus operator, or  
 18                       janitor, or as a temporary, part-time, or permanent school employee of any kind.

19                       (b)(i) Except as otherwise provided in this Subparagraph, a city, parish, or  
 20                       other local public school board or a nonpublic school or school system shall not  
 21                       knowingly hire a person as an administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher if the  
 22                       person:

23   \*       \*       \*

24                               **(bb) Is recorded on the Department of Children and Family Services'**  
 25                               **state central registry on or after August 1, 2018.**

26                       ~~(bb)(cc)~~ Has been found to have submitted fraudulent documentation to the  
 27                       State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of  
 28                       Education as part of an application for a Louisiana teaching certificate or other  
 29                       teaching authorization.

30                       ~~(cc)(dd)~~ Has been found to have facilitated cheating on any state assessment

1 as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

2 (ii) A city, parish, or other local public school board or a nonpublic school  
3 or school system may hire a person as an administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher  
4 who is otherwise prohibited from being hired pursuant to <sup>Subitem ✓</sup>~~Item (i)~~ Subitem (i)(cc)  
5 and (dd) of this Subparagraph if the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
6 Education approves a formal appeal request submitted by the person and issues a  
7 teaching certificate or authorization as provided in R.S. 17:8.7(B).

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9 (2)(a) A city, parish, or other local public school board shall dismiss:

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11 (ii) An administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher whose name is  
12 recorded on the Department of Children and Family Services' state central  
13 registry on or after August 1, 2025.

14 ~~(ii)~~(iii) An administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher who is found to have  
15 submitted fraudulent documentation to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
16 Education or the state Department of Education as part of an application for a  
17 Louisiana teaching certificate or other teaching authorization.

18 ~~(iii)~~(iv) An administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher who is found to have  
19 facilitated cheating on any state assessment as determined by the State Board of  
20 Elementary and Secondary Education.

21 ~~(iv)~~(v) Any other school employee if ~~such~~ the employee is convicted of or  
22 pleads nolo contendere to a crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), except R.S. 14:74.

23 (vi) Any other school employee if the employee's name is recorded on the  
24 Department of Children and Family Services' state central registry on or after  
25 August 1, 2025.

26 \* \* \*

27 D.(1)(a) An administrator, teacher, or other school employee upon his final  
28 conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal offense, excluding  
29 traffic offenses, shall report the fact of his conviction or plea to his employer and to  
30 the department within two business days, exclusive of weekends and holidays, of the

1 conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere. Upon receiving a report of a final  
2 conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal offense, excluding  
3 traffic offenses, by an employee holding a teaching certificate or teaching  
4 authorization issued by the state board, a school or school system shall report the fact  
5 of the conviction or plea to the Department of Education within two business days,  
6 exclusive of weekends and holidays, of receiving the report of the conviction or plea  
7 of guilty or nolo contendere.

8 **(b) An administrator, teacher, or other school employee whose name is**  
9 **recorded on the Department of Children and Family Services' state central**  
10 **registry on or after August 1, 2025, shall report the recordation to his employer**  
11 **and to the department within two business days, exclusive of weekends and**  
12 **holidays.**

13 (2) An administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher who fails to report a  
14 conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere of any felony offense **or fails to**  
15 **report recordation on the Department of Children and Family Services' state**  
16 **central registry** shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for  
17 not more than one year, with or without hard labor, or both.

18 (3) A school employee other than an administrator, teacher, or substitute  
19 teacher who fails to report a conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere of any  
20 criminal offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C)(1) **or fails to report recordation on the**  
21 **Department of Children and Family Services' state central registry** shall be fined  
22 not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, with  
23 or without hard labor, or both.

24 E.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may assess  
25 a civil fine against a school governing authority, equal to the average state yearly  
26 compensation for a public school teacher, inclusive of salary and benefits, who  
27 knowingly employs a person without requesting the criminal records **or verifying**  
28 **whether the person's name is recorded on the Department of Children and**  
29 **Family Services' state central registry** as required by this Section or who  
30 knowingly hires a person who has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any

1 crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) or whose name is recorded on the state central  
 2 registry, and who the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has not  
 3 provided a teaching authorization pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:7(10) or who  
 4 has not completed the formal appeal process required by the state board and been  
 5 granted a new teaching certificate or other teaching authorization as provided in R.S.  
 6 17:8.7(B):

7 (2) ~~Such~~ The fine shall be levied only after a final judgment is rendered  
 8 pursuant to an adjudication process conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
 9 R.S. 49:975 et seq.

10 (3) The state board shall report any such instances of fine assessments to the  
 11 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education within  
 12 thirty days of such assessment. Civil fines collected pursuant to the provisions of this  
 13 Section shall be deposited immediately into the state treasury. The State Board of  
 14 Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules in accordance with the  
 15 Administrative Procedure Act for implementation of this Subsection.

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17 §16. Reporting of certain arrests; school employees; requirements; failure to report

18 A. Effective January 1, 2012, and thereafter, a school employee shall report  
 19 his arrest for a violation of R.S. 14:42 through 43.5, 80 through 81.5, any other  
 20 sexual offense affecting minors, any of the crimes provided in R.S. 15:587.1, or any  
 21 justified substantiated complaint of child abuse or neglect on file in the central  
 22 registry pursuant to Article 615 of the Children's Code *Children's Code*.

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24 §24.8. Prekindergarten programs

25 A. (1) Each city, parish, or other local public school board may develop and  
 26 offer prekindergarten instruction. The youngest age at which a child may enter  
 27 prekindergarten provided for by this Subsection shall be four years old by September  
 28 thirtieth of the year in which the child enrolls in prekindergarten.

29 (2) All public prekindergarten programs shall comply with the child  
 30 safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41.

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(2) ~~The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Nonpublic School Commission, shall adopt rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of three-year-old children who attend prekindergarten at an approved nonpublic elementary school.~~ **All nonpublic prekindergarten programs shall be licensed as an early learning center pursuant to Part X-B of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1930.**

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§407.33. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

\* \* \*

(5) "Early learning center" means any child day care center, Early Head Start Center, Head Start Center, or ~~stand-alone~~ **nonpublic** prekindergarten program not attached to a school.

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§407.35. Exemptions from licensure requirements

A. ~~Public and nonpublic day schools serving children in grades kindergarten and above, including any prekindergarten programs attached thereto, as well as camps, and care given without charge, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Part~~ **The provisions of this Part shall not apply to grades kindergarten and above, prekindergarten programs attached to a public day school, Louisiana Montessori accredited or provisionally accredited approved schools, camps, registered family child day care homes, and care given without charge. However, all prekindergarten programs shall comply with the child safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41.**

\* \* \*

**§407.41. Child safety and welfare minimum standards**

**A. In addition to regulations promulgated by the State Board of**

1 Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to R.S. 17:407.40, all early  
2 learning centers and prekindergarten programs shall meet the following  
3 minimum standards to ensure the safety and welfare of children:

4 (1) There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at any  
5 facility when more than four children are present, except under an extenuating  
6 circumstance that temporarily prevents compliance with this Paragraph.

7 (2) The child-to-staff ratios shall not exceed the following:

8 (a) Infants and under one year - 5 to 1

9 (b) One year - 7 to 1

10 (c) Two years - 10 to 1

11 (d) Three years - 13 to 1

12 (e) Four years - 15 to 1

13 (f) Five years - 19 to 1

14 (3) An average of the child-to-staff ratios may be applied to mixed age  
15 groups of children only for groups that include no children under the age of  
16 two.

17 (4) When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the  
18 age of the youngest child determines the child-to-staff ratio for the group.

19 (5) When the nature of a child with special healthcare needs or the  
20 number of children with special healthcare needs warrants added care, the  
21 center shall add sufficient staff as necessary.

22 (6) Only staff members directly providing care, supervision, or guidance  
23 to children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratio. The same staff members  
24 shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of  
25 children at the same time.

26 (7) Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be  
27 present on the premises during rest time and available to assist as needed.  
28 Children ages one and older may be grouped together at rest time with one staff  
29 member in each room supervising the resting children.

30 (8) Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a phone

1 number to file complaints regarding supervision with the Department of  
2 Education shall be posted in each classroom in a location that is visible to  
3 parents.

4 (9) Children shall be supervised at all times including on the playground,  
5 on field trips, and on nonvehicular excursions.

6 (10)(a) Children shall not be left alone in any room, outdoors, or in  
7 vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.

8 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to restroom use as  
9 provided in this Section, if a child is being provided services by therapeutic  
10 professionals, or if a child is in the custody of a parent or legal guardian.

11 (11) A staff person shall be assigned to supervise specific children whose  
12 names and whereabouts that the staff person shall know and with whom the  
13 staff person shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many  
14 children are in their care at all times.

15 (12)(a) A child who is developmentally able may be permitted to use the  
16 restroom independently if a staff member is in proximity to and can see the  
17 child to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to  
18 assist with an accident while in the restroom.

19 (b) An individual who is not a staff member may not enter the restroom  
20 area while in use by any child other than his own child.

21 (13) A child age five and older may be permitted to go to and return  
22 from the restroom without staff.

23 (14) If a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a  
24 school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the  
25 children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are  
26 not unsupervised in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are  
27 using the restroom. For any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there  
28 shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the  
29 prekindergarten program or early learning center.

30 (15) Children shall be changed and cleaned immediately following a

1 toileting accident.

2 B.(1) The state Department of Education shall develop an informational  
3 document that contains all of the following:

4 (a) The child safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in this  
5 Section.

6 (b) A phone number to file complaints with the state Department of  
7 Education regarding violations of the standards.

8 (c) A statement notifying parents and legal guardians that the document  
9 is being distributed pursuant to "Charlie's Law".

10 (2) The state Department of Education shall provide the document to  
11 each early learning center and prekindergarten program no later than August  
12 first of each year.

13 (3) Each early learning center and public school with a prekindergarten  
14 program shall distribute the document to the parents and legal guardians of all  
15 children enrolled in an early learning center or prekindergarten program.

16 (4) The document shall be distributed at the beginning of each school  
17 year and may be distributed electronically.

18 C. The state Department of Education shall provide written notification  
19 to the superintendent of a school district for any complaint received by the  
20 department regarding a prekindergarten program in the district pursuant to  
21 this Section.

22 §407.42. Review of criminal history information and state central registry of child  
23 abuse and neglect

24 A.

25 \* \* \*

26 (2) No individual whose name is recorded on the state central registry within  
27 the Department of Children and Family Services as a perpetrator for a justified  
28 substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child or in any other state's child  
29 abuse and neglect registry or repository shall own or operate a licensed early learning  
30 center or shall be hired by a licensed early learning center as an employee or

1 volunteer of any kind, including any therapeutic professionals, extracurricular  
2 personnel, and other independent contractors, or shall be hired by the department in  
3 a position whose duties include the performance of licensing inspections.

4 B.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish  
5 by regulation, requirements and procedures under which the department shall, for  
6 any owner, volunteer, applicant, or employee of any kind, including contractors, of  
7 an early learning center or an applicant or employee of the department in a position  
8 whose duties include the performance of licensing inspections:

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) Request information from the Department of Children and Family  
11 Services as to whether the person is listed on the state central registry as a perpetrator  
12 for a ~~justified~~ substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child.

13 \* \* \*

14 §407.46. Operating in violation of regulations; penalties and fines

15 A.(1) For violations related to supervision, criminal history record checks,  
16 the state central registry disclosure form, ~~staff-to-child~~ child-to-staff ratios, motor  
17 vehicle checks, or failure to report critical incidents, the department may issue a  
18 written warning that includes a corrective action plan, in lieu of revocation, upon any  
19 person or entity violating these requirements if such condition or occurrence does not  
20 pose an imminent threat to the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a child. Failure to  
21 implement a corrective action plan issued pursuant to this Section may result in  
22 either the assessment of a civil fine or license revocation or may result in both  
23 actions being taken by the department. Such civil fine shall not exceed two hundred  
24 fifty dollars per day for each assessment; however, the aggregate fines assessed for  
25 violations determined in any consecutive twelve-month period shall not exceed two  
26 thousand dollars. The department shall publish all violations of this Paragraph  
27 on its website.

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29 §407.71. Grounds for revocation or refusal to renew registration; criminal activities;  
30 lack of CPR or first aid training

1 A.(1) No person who has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to a  
2 crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), whose name is recorded on the state registry within  
3 the Department of Children and Family Services as a perpetrator for a justified  
4 **substantiated** finding of abuse or neglect of a child, whose name is on any other  
5 state's child abuse and neglect registry or repository, whose name is on the Louisiana  
6 Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry, whose name is on any other state's sex  
7 offender registry, or whose name is on the National Crime Information Center's  
8 National Sex Offender Registry may be a registered family child care provider, be  
9 employed in the residence or on the property of the residence where the care is  
10 provided by the registered family child care provider, or live in the residence where  
11 care is provided by the registered family child care provider. The cost of any  
12 criminal background check which may be required by the department as proof of  
13 compliance with this Subsection shall be the responsibility of the family child care  
14 provider.

15 (2) No person who has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to a crime  
16 listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), whose name is recorded on the state registry within the  
17 Department of Children and Family Services as a perpetrator for a justified  
18 **substantiated** finding of abuse or neglect of a child, whose name is on any other  
19 state's child abuse and neglect registry or repository, whose name is on the Louisiana  
20 Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry, whose name is on any other state's sex  
21 offender registry, or whose name is on the National Crime Information Center's  
22 National Sex Offender Registry may be a registered in-home child care provider, be  
23 an adult employed in the home or on the property of the home where care is provided  
24 by the registered in-home child care provider, or be any adult living in the home  
25 where care is provided by the registered in-home child care provider who is not a  
26 caregiver. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "caregiver" shall mean any  
27 person legally obligated to provide or secure care for a child, including a parent,  
28 legal custodian, foster home parent, or other person providing a residence for the  
29 child. The cost of any criminal background check which may be required by the  
30 department as proof of compliance with this Subsection shall be the responsibility

1 of the in-home provider.

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3 §443. Discipline of teachers; procedure; right of review

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5 B.(1) A teacher with tenure shall not be disciplined except upon written and  
 6 signed charges by the superintendent or his designee of poor performance, willful  
 7 neglect of duty, incompetency, dishonesty, immorality, or of being a member of or  
 8 contributing to any group, organization, movement, or corporation that is by law or  
 9 injunction prohibited from operating in the state of Louisiana, and then only if  
 10 furnished with a copy of such written charges and given the opportunity to respond.  
 11 The teacher shall have ten calendar days from written notice of the charges to  
 12 respond, in person or in writing. Following review of the teacher's response, the  
 13 superintendent may take interim disciplinary action, which may include placing the  
 14 teacher on administrative leave. The teacher shall not be placed on administrative  
 15 leave without pay unless the teacher has been arrested for a violation of any of the  
 16 following: R.S. 14:42 through 43.5, 80 through 81.5, any other sexual offense  
 17 affecting minors, any of the crimes provided in R.S. 15:587.1, or any **justified**  
 18 **substantiated** complaint of child abuse or neglect on file in the central registry  
 19 pursuant to Children's Code Article 615. Within ten calendar days after written  
 20 notice of the interim disciplinary action or within ten calendar days after receipt of  
 21 the teacher's response if no interim disciplinary action is taken, a teacher may request  
 22 a hearing before a disciplinary hearing officer. If the teacher fails to timely request  
 23 a hearing, the disciplinary action becomes final.

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25 §493. Removal of bus operators; procedures; right to appeal

26 \* \* \*

27 C.(1) The superintendent shall have ten calendar days to review the school  
 28 bus operator's response and to provide written notice to the bus operator of the  
 29 interim disciplinary action, if any. A superintendent may take interim disciplinary  
 30 action, which may include placing the bus operator on administrative leave. A

1 permanent bus operator shall not be placed on administrative leave without pay  
2 unless the bus operator has been arrested for a violation of the following: R.S. 14:42  
3 through 43.5, 80 through 81.5, any other sexual offense affecting minors, any of the  
4 crimes provided in R.S. 15:587.1, or any ~~justified~~ substantiated complaint of child  
5 abuse or neglect on file in the central registry pursuant to Children's Code Article  
6 615.

7 \* \* \*

8 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

9 \* \* \*

10 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
11 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
12 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
13 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
14 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
15 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
16 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

17 \* \* \*

18 (28) Reporting by a school employee employed by the governing authority  
19 of a public elementary or secondary school of his arrest for one or more of the  
20 specified offenses relative to sexual morality affecting minors, R.S. 17:16, any of the  
21 crimes provided in R.S. 15:587.1, or any ~~justified~~ substantiated  
22 allegation of child abuse or neglect on file in the central registry pursuant to Article  
23 615 ~~of the Children's Code.~~ *Children's Code*

24 \* \* \*

25 (82) Child health and safety minimum standards, R.S. 17:407.41.

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27 Section 4. R.S. 24:525(D) is hereby ~~amended and reenacted~~ to read as follows:

28 §525. State child ombudsman; duties

29 \* \* \*

30 D.(1) Any state agency having responsibility for the custody or care of

petition involving this report shall be added to the central registry.

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H. The department may charge a fee, that shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, to conduct a search of the state central registry of justified substantiated abuse or neglect reports to determine whether an individual's name is recorded therein. A search shall be allowed only when specifically authorized. The fee shall not apply to searches for school employees conducted pursuant to R.S. 17:15.

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Art. 616.1.1. Appeal and review; correction of central registry entries; procedure

A. When a report alleging abuse or neglect is ~~determined to be justified~~ substantiated by the department, the individual who is or was the subject of the determination may make a formal written request to the division of administrative law for an administrative appeal of the justified substantiated determination, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Title 67 of the Louisiana Administrative Code.

\* \* \*

Section 8. Civil Code Art. 2315.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 2315.<sup>13</sup> Liability for damages caused by child sexual abuse in a school setting

Any parent or guardian of a child who is the victim of sexual abuse in a school setting as defined in Children's Code Article 610 may be awarded damages including but not limited to medical expenses incurred as a result of the sexual abuse, behavioral health expenses incurred as a result of the sexual abuse, reimbursement of any tuition paid for attendance at the school if the child is removed from the school, and any other damages allowed by law.

Section 9.(A) The state central registry checks for all school employee applicants required by this Act <sup>[ACTS 2025, No. 409]</sup> shall apply to any person hired on or after August 1, 2025.

(B) All early learning centers and prekindergarten programs shall be in compliance with the child safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41 no later than October 1, 2025.

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(C) All prekindergarten programs requiring licensure as an early learning center pursuant to this Act shall apply for licensure no later than January 1, 2026.

✓ [Acts 2025, No. 409]

(D) The mandatory reporter training report provided for in Children's Code Article 603.1 shall be submitted to the Department of Education beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

✓ [Acts 2025, No. 409]

Section 10. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Charlie's Law".

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:

June 20, 2025

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 6 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 36:309(F) and  
 7 R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:52.1(C)  
 8 through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(B), and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a),  
 9 relative to the reorganization and restructure of the Louisiana Workforce  
 10 Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for  
 11 certain family and support programs in the Department of Children and Family  
 12 Services (DCFS) being transferred to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)  
 13 and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); to replace the Department of  
 14 Children and Family Services with Louisiana Works or LDH in certain provisions  
 15 in Titles 11, 14, 15, 23, and 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that  
 16 reference DCFS programs that will be transferred to Louisiana Works or LDH; to  
 17 change the name of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to Louisiana Works; to  
 18 establish the purpose of Louisiana Works; to establish additional duties and powers  
 19 of Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of  
 20 Louisiana Works; to provide definitions; to provide for integrated case management  
 21 and service integration of social service and workforce programs; development  
 22 programs; to provide for grants to local workforce development areas; to provide for  
 23 SNAP Nutrition Education; to provide for the SNAP Workforce Training and  
 24 Education Program; to provide for duties of LDH in regards to administering SNAP;  
 25 to provide for SNAP work requirements; to provide for aid to needy families, such  
 26 as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subsidiary programs  
 27 within TANF, such as the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program  
 28 (FITAP), the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, and other educational, employment,  
 29 training, and related services programs; to provide for the submission of certain  
 30 federal quarterly reports to the legislature; to provide for the Incentive Award

1 Program; to provide for the administration of public assistance benefits payable to  
 2 mentally incapable individuals; to add certain functions to the office of workforce  
 3 development; to transfer certain powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities  
 4 relating to certain programs within the office of family support of DCFS into  
 5 Louisiana Works and LDH; to make technical corrections; to authorize the Louisiana  
 6 State Law Institute to make certain requested changes to references concerning  
 7 LWC; to authorize the office of state register to make all necessary changes for  
 8 applicable references to DCFS and Louisiana Works or LDH; to provide for the  
 9 transfer of monies related to the transferred programs from DCFS to Louisiana  
 10 Works and LDH; to provide for the monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud  
 11 Detection Fund to be transferred to LDH; to provide for the continuity of programs  
 12 and contracts transferred from DCFS to Louisiana Works and LDH; to provide for  
 13 effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 11:780(C)(3)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
 16 follows:

17 §780. Reexamination of disability retirees; modification of benefits; restoration to  
 18 active service

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20 C.

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22 (3)(a) If, pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, the board of trustees  
 23 reduces the pension of any disability retiree of this system who retired pursuant to  
 24 a reciprocal agreement between this system and any other state or statewide public  
 25 retirement system, the reduction shall be subject to Subparagraph (b) of this  
 26 Paragraph, provided the retiree satisfies all of the following provisions of this  
 27 Subparagraph:

28 (i) The vocational rehabilitation program within the Department of Children  
 29 and Family Services Louisiana Works furnishes the retiree with durable medical

1 of Health shall adjust the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for  
2 the juvenile's household to reflect the change in circumstance.

3 Section 5. R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5) and 3047.6(A) are hereby amended and  
4 reenacted to read as follows:

5 §14.1. Family literacy demonstration program

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7 B. The family literacy demonstration program shall include the following:

8 (1) At least ten demonstration projects at locations determined by criteria  
9 established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in  
10 consultation with the office of literacy, ~~the Department of Children and Family~~  
11 ~~Services, Louisiana Works,~~ and representatives, as selected by the board, from the  
12 private sector. There shall be at least one demonstration project in each  
13 congressional district of the state, but no more than two such projects in any one  
14 congressional district. To the extent possible, each demonstration project shall  
15 involve the local public school system, ~~Children and Family Louisiana Works~~  
16 service providers, other local public and private literacy providers, and other  
17 governmental agencies in a cooperative and coordinated effort to plan, fund, and  
18 operate the project.

19 \* \* \*

20 C. A demonstration project shall have not less than fifteen nor more than  
21 twenty adult participants in addition to the children of such participants and shall  
22 have the following components:

23 \* \* \*

24 (5) Other components as determined by the State Board of Elementary and  
25 Secondary Education in consultation with the office of literacy, ~~the Department of~~  
26 ~~Children and Family Services Louisiana Works,~~ and representatives, as determined  
27 by the board, from the private sector.

28 \* \* \*

§3047.6. Coordination with other agencies

A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the administering agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works and the Louisiana Department of Health to share information relative to an individual's qualification for certain aid or governmental benefits. Any information shared or furnished shall be held confidential by the administering agency and shall be reported in the aggregate only and contain no personally identifiable information.

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~~Section 6. R.S. 17:3914(M)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

§3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions; parental access; penalties

\* \* \*

M.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the governing authority of each public or nonpublic school or other entity that participates in a meal program through which students are eligible for the ~~pandemic electronic benefits transfer program~~ or summer electronic benefits transfer program shall share student information with ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ the Louisiana Department of Health for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to eligible families. Such information shall be limited to the first name, middle name, last name, address, school site code, student unique identifier, and date of birth of each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school.

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Section 7. The heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (e), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), ~~74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2),~~

1 Section 15. R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
2 read as follows:

3 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-  
4 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

5 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the  
6 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their  
7 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority  
8 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of  
9 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

10 (1) July 1, 2026:

11 \* \* \*

12 (f) ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works and all statutory  
13 entities made a part of the department by law.

14 \* \* \*

15 §1402. Definition of terms

16 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to  
17 them in this Section unless otherwise clearly indicated by context:

18 (1) "Agency" means any of the following state departments:

19 \* \* \*

20 (d) ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works.

21 \* \* \*

22 Section 16. R.S. 23:18 and 34 and R.S. 36:308(E) are hereby repealed in their  
23 entirety.

24 Section 17. R.S. 46:52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and  
25 231.14(G)(3) and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

26 Section 18. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to  
27 change all references in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to the Louisiana Workforce  
28 Commission, whether referred to as the "Louisiana Workforce Commission" or  
29 "commission", to "Louisiana Works" or "department" where appropriate. The Louisiana  
30 State Law Institute is hereby further authorized and requested to change all references to the

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1 executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, whether referred to as  
2 "executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission", "executive director of the  
3 commission", "executive of the department", or "executive director", to "secretary".

4 Section 19. The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative Code  
5 promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,  
6 which govern or are applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the  
7 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works  
8 by this Act <sup>✓ [ACTS 2025, No. 478]</sup> shall continue to be effective, and the office of state register shall change all  
9 applicable references to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor  
10 department, to Louisiana Works and redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable  
11 provisions as are necessary to maintain continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

12 Section 20. All monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud Detection Fund on  
13 the effective date of this Section, shall upon that date, be transferred to the Louisiana  
14 Department of Health.

15 Section 21.(A) All Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor  
16 department, contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and  
17 activities transferred to Louisiana Works by this Act <sup>✓ [ACTS 2025, No. 478]</sup> shall be deemed to have been  
18 transferred and assigned to Louisiana Works upon the effective date of this Section without  
19 the necessity of contractual amendment, and Louisiana Works shall be solely responsible for  
20 all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

21 (B) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending  
22 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and  
23 completed by Louisiana Works with the same power and authorization as that of the  
24 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department.

25 (C)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions  
26 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family  
27 Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works are hereby transferred to Louisiana  
28 Works to carry out the functions of Louisiana Works and its programs and services and shall  
29 continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable state civil service laws, rules, and  
30 regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the unclassified service shall remain in the

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1 unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees to a board, such employees shall  
2 immediately have the ability to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in  
3 favor of any credit union of which they were members prior to the transfer.

4 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children  
5 and Family Services, or a successor department, and Louisiana Works in all human resource  
6 activities deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall  
7 include but are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential  
8 documents, position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not  
9 limited to those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

10 (D) In order to ensure continuity of services, Louisiana Works shall provide  
11 adequate funding from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to  
12 the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to run the child  
13 protection and child welfare services as set forth in an interagency agreement. The amount  
14 and schedule of funding transfers shall be determined based on the agreement between the  
15 secretaries of Louisiana Works and the Department of Children and Family Services, or a  
16 successor department. Both departments agree to work collaboratively to ensure that  
17 adequate financial resources are provided annually. In the event that the secretaries are  
18 unable to reach an agreement regarding the funding provisions, either department may  
19 request a resolution by the commissioner of administration. The commissioner shall  
20 convene a meeting between the secretaries and make a final determination on the proposed  
21 allocation of funding to be included in the annual proposed operating budget.

22 Section 22.(A) The provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and reenacted in  
23 Section 8 of this Act <sup>✓ [Acts 2025, No. 478]</sup> shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and  
24 reenacted in Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when  
25 Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

26 (B) The provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 14 of this Act <sup>✓ [Acts 2025, No. 478]</sup>  
27 shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 5 of Act  
28 No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when Section 5 of Act No. 384 of  
29 the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

(NOTE) RS 23:73(E)(2)  
(NOTE) RS 46:936

1 Section 23.(A) The workforce development programs administered by the  
 2 Department of Children and Family Services shall be administered by Louisiana Works, or  
 3 its successors. The workforce program includes those consolidated under Skills Employment  
 4 and Training, or "SET for Success", or successor programs, the Child Support Enforcement  
 5 Employment and Training Program, or a successor program, and the Strategies to Empower  
 6 People (STEP) Program, or a successor program.

7 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a  
 8 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the  
 9 programs provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall be transferred to Louisiana  
 10 Works, or its successors, in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

11 (C) The Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,  
 12 and Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall execute an interagency agreement to ensure the  
 13 continued funding of these programs in a manner consistent with each program's current  
 14 funding sources and mechanisms. The agreement shall provide for the allocation of  
 15 resources, personnel, and administrative support necessary to maintain uninterrupted  
 16 program operations. Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall provide a monthly report and  
 17 invoice to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,  
 18 which shall be paid within thirty days of receipt, and provided in a format prescribed by the  
 19 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, for an interagency  
 20 transfer of funding to Louisiana Works, or its successors.

21 (D) The secretaries of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a  
 22 successor department, and Louisiana Works, or its successor, or their respective designees,  
 23 shall take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including  
 24 transferring and assigning contracts and promulgating rules and regulations in accordance  
 25 with the Administrative Procedure Act.

26 Section 24.(A) The Disability Determination Services (DDS) program administered  
 27 by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered  
 28 by the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors.

29 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a  
 30 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the  
 31 DDS program shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors,  
 32 in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

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1 (C) Upon transfer, the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors, shall be  
2 the direct recipient of all federal funding for the DDS program from the Social Security  
3 Administration.

4 Section 25. To further improve the financial situation of the state and to more  
5 efficiently and effectively provide services to the citizens of this state, Louisiana Works shall  
6 reduce at least forty employees from its July 1, 2024, employee count through natural  
7 attrition no later than July 1, 2027.

8 Section 26.(A) The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative  
9 Code promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services which govern or are  
10 applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the Department of Children and  
11 Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health by this Act shall continue to be  
12 effective, and the office of state register shall change all applicable references to the  
13 Department of Children and Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health and  
14 redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable provisions as are necessary to maintain  
15 continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

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16 (B) All Department of Children and Family Services contracts related to the  
17 operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to the Louisiana  
18 Department of Health by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to  
19 the Louisiana Department of Health upon the effective date of this Section without the  
20 necessity of contractual amendment, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall be solely  
21 responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

22 (C) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending  
23 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and  
24 completed by the Louisiana Department of Health with the same power and authorization  
25 as that of the Department of Children and Family Services.

26 (D)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions  
27 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family  
28 Services to the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby transferred to the Louisiana  
29 Department of Health to carry out the functions of the Louisiana Department of Health and  
30 its programs and services and shall continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable  
31 state civil service laws, rules, and regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the

1 unclassified service shall remain in the unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees  
2 to the Louisiana Department of Health, such employees shall immediately have the ability  
3 to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in favor of any credit union of which  
4 they were members prior to the transfer.

5 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children and  
6 Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health in all human resource activities  
7 deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall include, but  
8 are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential documents,  
9 position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not limited to  
10 those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

11 (E) The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to make  
12 necessary adjustments to appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to conform with the  
13 provisions of this Act. Adjustments shall be through the notification of appropriation  
14 process or through approval of mid-year adjustments.

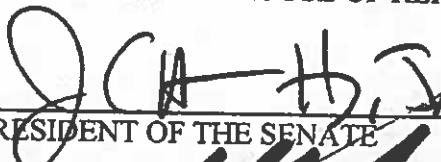
15 Section 27.(A) Sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 23 through 26 of  
16 this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.


17 (B) The provisions of Sections 8, 14, and 22 of this Act shall become effective when  
18 Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

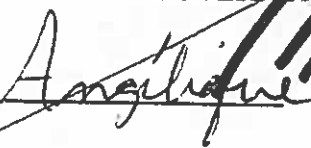
19 (C) Sections 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 21 of this Act shall become effective October  
20 1, 2027.

NOTE: ALL PROVISIONS  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  Friel June 20, 2025

# ACT 472

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 246 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 105 Senator Abraham)

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a), relative to student assessments; to provide with respect to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide with respect to standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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(c)(i) Standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies based on state content standards and rigorous student achievement standards set with reference to test scores of students of the same grade level nationally shall be implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such tests in English language arts shall be administered, at a minimum, in grades three through eight and at least once in grades nine through eleven. Such tests in mathematics shall be administered in grades three through eight and at least once in grades nine through eleven.

(ii) No later than the school year 2027-2028, such tests in science and social studies shall be administered in not more than four grade levels each. The science test shall not be given in the same grade levels as the social studies test.

Nothing herein shall prohibit a student from retesting in any grade level.

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(4)(a) In addition to the other requirements of this Subsection, the state Department of Education shall establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the level of achievement on certain tests or on certain portions of the tests given as required in this Subsection ~~in fourth and eighth grades~~ as definitive of the level of the student's proficiency in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies. Fourth and eighth grade students shall be required to demonstrate proficiency on such tests in English language arts and mathematics in order to advance to grades five and nine, pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Such proficiency levels shall be set with reference to test scores of students of the same grade level nationally. The department shall establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the nature and application of various intervention options in the case of a failure to demonstrate proficiency, which may include remediation, retention in grade, an alternative placement in succeeding grades, or any other option which will support a student's achieving the required proficiency level.

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Section 2. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall investigate whether a nationally normed assessment or a criterion-referenced assessment may be used to satisfy federal requirements for assessments used for the school and district accountability system and other ways to ensure comparability to rigorous expectations of other states. Based upon the investigation, a list shall be compiled of the available tests which satisfy the federal requirements. Not later than February 6, 2026, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall send a report to the Senate and House committees on education regarding the findings of such investigation. The report shall include, at a minimum, any recommendations regarding which nationally normed assessments or criterion-referenced assessments are available and recommended for implementation. Nothing in the report shall require the disclosure of any procurement information that would violate any provision of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

CNOTE 2 RS 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) & (4)(a)

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Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

EFF. DATE 7/1/2025

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACT 354

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

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## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:52(A) and R.S. 33:383(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (c) and to enact R.S. 33:383(A)(3), relative to election dates for municipal and school board elections; to authorize the election of school board members to occur at the same time as the gubernatorial elections; to authorize municipal elections to occur at the same time as gubernatorial elections; to provide for terms of office; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:52(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§52. Election and qualification of members; term of office

A. (1) There shall be elected by the qualified voters of each parish police jury ward, or the equivalent thereof, of each parish of the state a member of the school board of the parish for each police juror in said ward, or the members of a parish school board shall be elected by the qualified voters in accordance with the school board reapportionment plan then in effect as authorized by law, or the members of a parish school board shall be elected in accordance with any special law applicable to the board, as the case may be. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, members Members of parish school boards shall be elected at the congressional elections. Members elected in 1986 and thereafter shall serve four-year concurrent terms beginning January 1 following their election. ~~In order to implement the concurrent terms provided for herein, those members of the parish school boards who are elected in 1980 shall serve six-year terms beginning January~~

1 ~~first following their election, those members of the parish school boards who are~~  
2 ~~electd in 1982 shall serve four-year terms beginning January first following their~~  
3 ~~election, and those members of the parish school boards who are elected in 1984~~  
4 ~~shall serve two-year terms beginning January first following their election:~~

5 ~~For purposes of the election of school board members in the election years~~  
6 ~~1980, 1982, and 1984 the parish school boards of the several parishes, as occasion~~  
7 ~~may arise on account of the increase in the membership by the creation of additional~~  
8 ~~wards or the increase of membership for any single ward, shall by proper resolution~~  
9 ~~maintain the three divisions of the membership of the school boards existing on July~~  
10 ~~28, 1948, as nearly equal as possible by allotting such new members to one of the~~  
11 ~~three divisions, and when so allotted the term of office of such new member or~~  
12 ~~members shall expire at the same time as the terms of the other members of the said~~  
13 ~~division. Thereafter, the election of additional school board members shall be in~~  
14 ~~accordance with the provisions herein made applicable to the election of school~~  
15 ~~board members in the election year 1986.~~

16 (2)(a) Any school board may, by resolution, adopt a plan for holding school  
17 board elections at the same time as the fall gubernatorial election in accordance with  
18 R.S. 18:402. No such plan shall be revocable by the school board.

19 (b) Any plan adopted pursuant to this Paragraph shall be filed with the  
20 secretary of state no later than July 1, 2026.

21 (c) Any school board that complies with the provisions of this Paragraph  
22 may hold its elections at the fall gubernatorial election in accordance with R.S.  
23 18:402. The first election under the plan shall be held at the 2031 fall gubernatorial  
24 election.

25 (d) The members elected under the plan shall take office on the first day of  
26 January following their election and shall hold their office for four years. However,  
27 the members of a school board that complies with this Paragraph who are elected at  
28 school board elections held at the same time as the 2026 congressional election, as  
29 provided by R.S. 18:402, shall serve until their successors elected under the plan take  
30 office on January 1, 2032.

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(e) If no election is held on the day authorized by the plan adopted by a school board or if a vacancy in any school board office elective by the people occurs or if a member elected fails to qualify, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana or as otherwise provided by law.

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Section 2. R.S. 33:383(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:383(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows.

§383. Municipal elections; term of office; filling vacancies; officers holding over under new form of government

A.(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection and R.S. 33:383.2, municipal elections shall be held every four years on the date for municipal and ward elections in accordance with ~~R.S. 18:402(C)~~ R.S. 18:402(D). The officers elected shall take office on the first day of July following their election and shall hold their office for four years.

(2)(a) Any municipality by ordinance of the governing authority may adopt a plan for holding municipal elections at the congressional elections in accordance with ~~R.S. 18:402(B)~~ R.S. 18:402(C)(2). Any plan so adopted shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than one year prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the congressional primary election at which municipal officers shall be elected initially under the plan. This election shall be the first congressional primary election after termination of the terms of office to which municipal officers in office on the effective date of this Subsection were elected.

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(c) Any municipality that complies with the provisions of this Paragraph may hold municipal elections at the congressional elections in accordance with ~~R.S. 18:402(B)~~ R.S. 18:402(C)(2).

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(3)(a) Any municipality by ordinance of the governing authority may adopt a plan for holding municipal elections at the gubernatorial election in accordance


1 with R.S. 18:402. Any plan adopted pursuant to this Paragraph shall be filed with  
2 the secretary of state no later than January 12, 2027.

3 (b) No such plan shall be revocable by the governing authority of the  
4 municipality.

5 (c) Any municipality that complies with the provisions of this Paragraph may  
6 hold its municipal elections at the fall gubernatorial election in accordance with R.S.  
7 18:402. The first election under the plan shall be held at the 2031 gubernatorial  
8 election.


9 (d) The officers elected under the plan shall take office on the first day of  
10 July following their election and shall hold their office for four years. However, the  
11 municipal officers of a municipality that complies with Subsection A of this Section  
12 who are elected at municipal elections held at the same time as the 2027 spring  
13 municipal election, as provided by R.S. 18:402, shall serve until their successors  
14 elected under the plan take office on July 1, 2032.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.7, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the St. George Community School System; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for agreements between school boards with respect to an allocation of assets and liabilities; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.7 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§58.2. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; reapportionment; election districts;

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3 J.(1) In addition to any other requirements in this Section, in the event

4 the St. George Community School Board begins the actual operation of

5 educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system in

6 accordance with R.S. 17:68.1, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall

7 develop a plan to divide the parish, excluding the geographic area within the

8 boundaries of the St. George Community School System, into single-member

9 districts from each of which one member of the board shall be elected. The

10 districts shall be drawn with as equal population as possible, using population

11 figures from the most recent federal decennial census.

12 (2) Prior to the final adoption of the reapportionment plan, the East

13 Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall order a public hearing on the proposed

14 plan and shall cause the notice of the public hearing to be published in its

15 official journal, at least twenty days prior to the date of the hearing, and the

16 notice shall include all of the following:

17 (a) The time and place of the hearing.

18 (b) A general summary and map of the proposed reapportionment plan.

19 (c) The times and places where copies of the proposed map and

20 reapportionment plan are available for public inspection.

21 (3) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each elected member

22 of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board who is holding office on the date

23 that the St. George Community School Board begins the actual operation of

24 educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system shall serve

25 the remainder of the term of office for which the member was elected. If a

26 vacancy occurs during the member's term of office, it shall be filled in

27 accordance with law from districts in effect at the time the office is filled.

28 (4) At the next date on which a regular election for members of the East

29 Baton Rouge Parish School Board would be held following the date that the St.

30 George Community School Board begins the actual operation of educating

1 students within its jurisdiction as a separate school system, the members of the  
 2 East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall be elected from single-member  
 3 districts adopted in accordance with this Subsection. The members so elected  
 4 and their successors in office shall serve four-year concurrent terms.  
 5 Thereafter, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall be reapportioned  
 6 as otherwise provided by law.

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8 §68.1. St. George Community School Board and school system; creation;  
 9 membership; qualifications; apportionment; election; powers,  
 10 duties, functions; and system operation

11 A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the  
 12 appointment of members of the interim school board as provided in R.S.  
 13 17:68.2, there shall be established a separate school system and school board for  
 14 the city of St. George within the boundaries of East Baton Rouge Parish. The  
 15 school board shall be designated as the St. George Community School Board.  
 16 The board shall be composed of seven members, one from each of the single-  
 17 member districts as provided for in Subsection B of this Section, who shall be  
 18 electors and shall meet the qualifications for office provided in R.S. 17:52.

19 (2) The geographic boundaries of the school system shall, at all times  
 20 relevant, be coterminous with the city of St. George.

21 B.(1) The interim school board shall, within one hundred eighty days of  
 22 appointment of the interim members, develop and adopt a plan of governance  
 23 and shall divide the geographic area encompassed by the St. George  
 24 Community School System into seven single-member districts and each district  
 25 shall elect one member to serve on the St. George Community School Board.  
 26 The districts shall be drawn in such a manner so that each member of the St.  
 27 George Community School Board represents the same number of persons as  
 28 nearly as possible, using population figures from the latest federal decennial  
 29 census.

30 (2) Prior to the final adoption of the apportionment plan required by

1 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the interim school board shall order a public  
 2 hearing on the proposed plan and shall cause the notice of the public hearing to  
 3 be published in its official journal, at least twenty days prior to the date of such  
 4 hearing, and the notice shall include all of the following:

5 (a) The time and place of the hearing.

6 (b) A general summary and map of the proposed apportionment plan.

7 (c) The times and places where copies of the proposed map and  
 8 apportionment plan are available for public inspection.

9 C.(1) The initial members of the St. George Community School Board  
 10 shall be elected at the time and place as provided by law and the election shall  
 11 occur prior to the date that the St. George Community School Board begins the  
 12 actual operation of educating students within its jurisdiction as a separate  
 13 school system.

14 (2) The initial elected members shall take office and their duties shall be  
 15 generally provided by law for elected parish school board members.

16 D. Vacancies on the board shall be filled as generally provided by law for  
 17 parish school boards.

18 E.(1) The organization of the St. George Community School Board as  
 19 well as the board's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be as  
 20 provided by law for local public school boards. Compensation for board  
 21 members and reimbursement for expenses shall be as provided by law for city,  
 22 parish, and other local public school board members.

23 (2) The St. George Community School Board shall adopt rules,  
 24 regulations, and procedures consistent with law to effectuate this Section and  
 25 to administer the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board.

26 F.(1) The St. George Community School Board shall begin actual  
 27 operation of providing for the education of students within its jurisdiction on  
 28 July 1, 2027.

29 (2) Pursuant to the duty and responsibility placed with the legislature by  
 30 Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana to establish and

1 maintain a public educational system and pursuant to the authority granted to  
 2 the legislature by Article VIII, Section 10(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana  
 3 to enact laws affecting parish school board systems in existence on the effective  
 4 date of the constitution, all lands, buildings, improvements, facilities, and other  
 5 property having title vested in the public and subject to management,  
 6 administration, and control by the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for  
 7 public education purposes that is located within the geographic boundaries of  
 8 the St. George Community School System or used to provide student  
 9 transportation services to such facilities, or both, shall be transferred to the St.  
 10 George Community School Board not later than June 30, 2027. Once  
 11 transferred, all property shall thereafter be managed, administered, and  
 12 controlled by the St. George Community School Board. The provisions of this  
 13 Subsection shall <sup>✓</sup> *supersede* ~~supersede~~ any other provision of law to the contrary.

14 G. The St. George Community School System and the East Baton Rouge  
 15 Parish School System shall develop a transportation plan or develop a plan for  
 16 transferring school buses from the fleet owned and operated by the East Baton  
 17 Rouge Parish School System to the St. George Community School System.

18 H. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall provide extended  
 19 school year services through August 31, 2027, to public and nonpublic school  
 20 students residing within the geographic boundaries of the St. George  
 21 Community School System who qualified to receive such services prior to June  
 22 30, 2027.

23 I. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System and any taxing district  
 24 created by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall be the recipient of  
 25 all sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected within the geographic  
 26 boundaries of the St. George Community School System and remitted by the tax  
 27 collector through June 30, 2027. Beginning on July 1, 2027, the sales and use tax  
 28 collector shall remit all sales and use taxes levied for school purposes collected  
 29 within the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School System,  
 30 including delinquent payments, to the St. George Community School System.

1           J. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall receive all ad  
 2           valorem and property taxes levied for school purposes that are collected within  
 3           the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School System and  
 4           that are remitted by the tax collector through June 30, 2027. Beginning on July  
 5           1, 2027, the tax collector shall remit all ad valorem and property taxes levied for  
 6           school purposes collected within the geographic boundaries of the St. George  
 7           Community School System, including delinquent payments, to the St. George  
 8           Community School System.

9           K. With respect to students attending charter schools that are located  
 10          within the boundaries of the St. George Community School System and the East  
 11          Baton Rouge Parish School System, all of the following shall apply:

12           (1)(a) On July 1, 2027, the St. George Community School Board shall  
 13           assume the jurisdiction over the existing charter schools located within the  
 14           boundaries of the St. George Community School System that were authorized  
 15           by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System prior to the effective date of the  
 16           Act.

17           (b) An existing charter operator, at their option, may renegotiate the  
 18           terms of the contract with St. George Community School System or petition to  
 19           the Louisiana Board of Secondary and Elementary Education to become a Type  
 20           II charter after the effective date of the Act. If the existing charter chooses not  
 21           to renegotiate the terms of the existing charter, then the terms of the charter  
 22           which were authorized by the East Baton Rouge School System prior to the  
 23           effective date of the Act shall remain in effect until the expiration of the charter.

24           (2) After the effective date of the Act, all applications for a new charter  
 25           school to be located within the boundaries of the St. George Community School  
 26           System shall be made to the St. George Community School Board or as  
 27           otherwise provided by law.

28           L. As required of all municipal and other school systems pursuant to  
 29           Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, no state funds  
 30           shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing

1 equal educational opportunity for all students.

2 M. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the St. George  
3 Community School System shall enter into an agreement with respect to the  
4 transfer of students between the school system that does all of the following:

5 (1) Allows any student who is domiciled in the city of St. George to enroll  
6 and attend a school in the adjoining school system of East Baton Rouge Parish,  
7 pursuant to R.S. 17:105.1.

8 (2) Provides that any student who resides within the boundaries of the  
9 St. George Community School System or the East Baton Rouge Parish School  
10 System may enroll in any charter school located within the geographical  
11 boundaries of East Baton Rouge Parish.

12 (3) Provides that any student who is living within the geographic  
13 boundaries of the St. George Community School System shall be allowed to  
14 attend any magnet program at a school with selective enrollment that is located  
15 within the boundaries of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, without  
16 regard to attendance zones, so long as the student meets the selective  
17 admission's requirements and maintains the academic standards of the magnet  
18 program.

19 (4) Provides that any student who is living within the geographic  
20 boundaries of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall be allowed to  
21 attend any magnet program at a school with selective enrollment that is located  
22 within the boundaries of the St. George Community School System, without  
23 regard to attendance zones, so long as the student meets the selective  
24 admission's requirements and maintains the academic standards of the magnet  
25 program.

26 (5) Provides that any new applicant to a magnet program or a charter  
27 school shall not displace any student who is already on the waiting list to attend  
28 that magnet program or charter school, regardless of where the student resides  
29 in East Baton Rouge Parish.

30 (6) Provides that the school which accepts a student that is transferred

1 in compliance with the agreement shall receive the local per pupil and state  
 2 Minimum Foundation Program funds, pursuant to R.S. 17:105, so that the  
 3 money follows that student to the chosen school.

4 N.(1) Except as provided in Subsection M of this Section, nothing in this  
 5 Section shall be construed to interfere or circumvent the rights of either school  
 6 system that are established by law as it relates to attendance zones.

7 (2) Nothing in Subsection M of this Section shall prohibit the East Baton  
 8 Rouge Parish School System or the St. George Community School System from  
 9 creating enrollment preferences that may prioritize qualified students who  
 10 reside within the district boundaries of its school system.

11 §68.2. St. George Community School System; interim school board; interim  
 12 school superintendent

13 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the  
 14 appointment of the members thereof as provided in Subsection C of this Section,  
 15 an interim school board shall be created for the St. George Community School  
 16 System and the board shall continue its service until the taking of office of the  
 17 initial elected members of the St. George Community School Board as provided  
 18 in R.S. 17:68.1.

19 B.(1) The interim school board shall be composed of seven members  
 20 appointed at large as provided in Subsection C of this Section. An interim  
 21 school board member shall have attained the age of eighteen, have resided in the  
 22 state for the two years preceding appointment, have been domiciled within the  
 23 geographic boundaries of the school system for at least one year preceding  
 24 appointment, meet the qualifications provided in R.S. 17:52, be an elector and  
 25 reside within the geographic boundaries of the school system.

26 (2) Membership on the interim school board shall not disqualify an  
 27 otherwise eligible person from qualifying as a candidate for election as a  
 28 member of the St. George Community School Board.

29 C.(1) All seven members of the interim school board shall be appointed  
 30 by the governor within thirty days after the effective date of this Act and shall

1 serve until the initial members of the St. George Community School Board are  
2 elected, as provided in R.S. 17:68.1, and take office.

3 (2) Members appointed by the governor shall be from a list of nominees  
4 provided as follows:

5 (a) The members of the Louisiana Senate elected from district numbers  
6 six, fourteen, and sixteen shall each nominate three persons meeting the  
7 qualifications for office for each position to be appointed by the governor.

8 (b) The members of the Louisiana House of Representatives elected from  
9 district numbers sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, and seventy shall  
10 each nominate two persons meeting the qualifications for office for each  
11 position to be appointed by the governor.

12 (3) A vacancy on the interim school board shall be filled in the same  
13 manner as the original appointment.

14 D.(1) The interim school board shall constitute a body corporate in law.

15 (2) The organization of the interim school board as well as the board's  
16 powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be as provided by law  
17 generally for city, parish, and other local public school boards.

18 (3) Members of the interim school board shall serve without  
19 compensation.

20 E. The interim school board shall adopt rules, regulations, and  
21 procedures consistent with law to effectuate this Section and to administer the  
22 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the interim board.

23 F. The provisions of R.S. 42:11 through 28, relative to open meetings,  
24 and the provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
25 1950, relative to public records, shall be applicable to the interim school board  
26 and its members.

27 G. All authority that is granted to the interim school board by this  
28 Section shall expire upon the taking of office of the initial members of the St.  
29 George Community School Board once the initial members are elected pursuant  
30 to R.S. 17:68.1. However, the elected school board may take formal action to

1 continue the interim school board as an advisory body on matters previously  
2 under the jurisdiction of the interim board.

3 H. The governor shall appoint an interim school superintendent who  
4 shall serve until the elected school board chooses a new school superintendent  
5 who shall meet the qualifications of R.S. 17:54.

6 I. The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall:

7 (1) Work cooperatively and collaboratively with the interim school board  
8 and the St. George Community School Board to effect the transfer of the  
9 students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional materials, buses,  
10 and all other assets related to the schools located within the geographic  
11 boundaries of the St. George Community School System in an efficient and  
12 expeditious manner.

13 (2) Provide the interim school board for the St. George Community  
14 School System with immediate and complete access to:

15 (a) All school buildings and facilities associated with the schools located  
16 within the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School System.  
17 Such access shall include making the school buildings and facilities to be  
18 transferred available, free of charge, to the interim school board or the elected  
19 school board for the St. George Community School System for purposes of  
20 conducting board and community meetings and other functions and activities  
21 related to the operation of the St. George Community School System.

22 (b) All student records and any other student-related files associated  
23 with students enrolled in the schools to be transferred to the St. George  
24 Community School System.

25 (c) All financial records associated with the schools to be transferred to  
26 the St. George Community School System, including those related to building  
27 maintenance, taxes, insurance, and indebtedness.

28 J. The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall not:

29 (1) Interfere, or impede in any way, with the processes to transfer the  
30 students, buildings and other facilities, property, instructional materials and

1 equipment, buses, and all other assets related to the schools located within the  
2 geographical boundaries of the St. George Community School System to the St.  
3 George Community School Board.

4 (2) Sell, transfer, or otherwise remove any asset or thing of value,  
5 movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, that is attributable to the  
6 schools to be transferred to the St. George Community School System prior to  
7 such transfer.

8 (3) Incur, transfer, or assign any debt or other responsibility or  
9 obligation to schools to be transferred to the St. George Community School  
10 System that is not properly attributable to such schools.

11 §68.3. Redistribution of Minimum Foundation Program to other school systems

12 To ensure that the creation of the St. George Community School District  
13 does not have a negative impact on the minimum foundation program allocation  
14 to school systems, beginning in the fiscal year of July 1, 2027, and continuing for  
15 the next four fiscal years, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
16 Education shall identify the districts in parishes other than East Baton Rouge  
17 on which the creation of the St. George Community School System causes a  
18 negative impact and determine the amount of the negative impact on the  
19 minimum foundation per pupil allocation. The State Board of Elementary and  
20 Secondary Education shall withhold the total of the amounts of the negative  
21 impact on all districts in parishes other than East Baton Rouge from the total  
22 Minimum Foundation Program allocation to the St. George Community School  
23 District and transfer those funds on a per pupil basis to such districts.

24 §68.4. Unfunded accrued liability; payment

25 In the event that the establishment or the operation of the St. George  
26 Community School District results in the elimination of one or more positions  
27 of current members of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System by  
28 means of privatizing, outsourcing, or contracting the service with a private  
29 employer, vendor, or by any other means, the St. George Community School  
30 District shall remit that portion of the unfunded accrued liability attributable

1 to that position or positions pursuant to R.S. 11:1195.2.

2 §68.5. Benefits of reemployed retirees and Legacy Benefit Trust Fund for  
3 Retirees of East Baton Rouge Parish School System

4 A.(1) The East Baton Rouge Parish School System shall provide annually  
5 to the St. George Community School System an itemization of all post  
6 employment benefits to be paid by the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board  
7 for the benefit of every individual hired by the St. George Community School  
8 System as a full-time employee.

9 (2) Utilizing the annual calculation method provided in Subsection B of  
10 this Section, the St. George Community School System shall reimburse, via the  
11 trust created in Subsection B of this Section, the East Baton Rouge Parish  
12 School System on a quarterly basis for all (post employment) benefits for all  
13 employees hired by the St. George Community School System as full-time  
14 employees until all (post-employment) benefits to which the individuals are  
15 entitled has been paid in full.

16 B.(1) A trust to be known as the "St. George Schools Legacy Benefit  
17 Trust for Retirees of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System" shall be  
18 established pursuant to R.S. 17:1224. Within twelve months of beginning  
19 operation and then annually thereafter, the St. George Community School  
20 System shall deposit into the trust an initial sum necessary to cover the amounts  
21 that are required in this Section. The trust shall make quarterly payments to the  
22 East Baton Rouge Parish School System in order to satisfy the requirements of  
23 Subsection A of this Section.

24 (2) The annual sum to be deposited into the trust by the St. George  
25 School System pursuant to Section shall be based upon the following:

26 (a) The amount which represents the total costs of providing the post  
27 employment benefits for those individuals described in Subsection A of this  
28 Section shall be divided by the number of students enrolled in the East Baton  
29 Rouge Parish School System for the school year prior to July 1, 2027, thereby  
30 representing the per pupil amount of the total cost of the post employment

1 benefits. The per pupil amount shall then be multiplied by the total number of  
2 students enrolled in the St. George Community School for the school year after  
3 July 1, 2027, representing the amount of the payment to the trust.

4 (b) For the school year beginning on July 1, 2028, and for all subsequent  
5 years thereafter, the amount deposited shall be the per pupil costs utilizing the  
6 initial student enrollment data for the respective two school districts and the per  
7 pupil formula applicable to the amount owed to satisfy the obligation provided  
8 for in Subsection A of this Section.

9 C. In the event it is determined by an actuarial study that the funds on  
10 deposit in the Legacy Benefit Trust for Retirees of the East Baton Rouge Parish  
11 School System are sufficient to pay the costs of the legacy benefits due to a  
12 proportionate share of individuals who retired from the East Baton Rouge  
13 Parish School System prior to the date in which the St. George Community  
14 begins the actual operation of educating students, St. George Community  
15 School System shall not be required to make any additional payments to the  
16 Legacy Benefit Trust for Retirees of the East Baton Rouge Parish School  
17 System.

18 §68.6. Payments to East Baton Rouge Parish Educational Facilities

19 Improvement District

20 A. No later than June 1, 2027, the East Baton Rouge Parish Educational  
21 Facilities Improvement District shall provide to the St. George Community  
22 School Board a schedule of values for any construction completed within the  
23 boundaries of the St. George Community School System with the proceeds of  
24 Qualified School Construction Bonds issued prior to the effective date of this  
25 Act, an accounting of payments made and to be made through the effective date  
26 of this Act, on the construction bonds, and a payment schedule showing the  
27 unpaid principal and interest due for the construction projects.

28 B. Beginning on July 1, 2027, the St. George Community School System  
29 shall reimburse East Baton Rouge Parish Educational Facilities Improvement  
30 District an amount equal to the percentage of the debt service paid in the

1 preceding fiscal year attributable to the construction completed within the  
 2 boundaries of the St. George Community School District. The reimbursement  
 3 shall be made to East Baton Rouge Parish Educational Facilities Improvement  
 4 District within thirty days of receipt by the St. George Community School  
 5 District of payment confirmation for the debt service attributable to  
 6 construction completed within the boundaries of the St. George Community  
 7 School System.

8 §68.7. Mutual agreements regarding distribution of assets and liabilities  
 9 between school boards

10 A. No later than sixty days after the effective date of this Act, the East  
 11 Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the St. George Community School Board  
 12 shall meet jointly to begin the process to determine the fair and equitable  
 13 division of all assets and liabilities between the two school boards related to the  
 14 formation of the St. George Community School System. The two school boards  
 15 shall mutually agree upon an actuary, an appraiser, an auditor, or any other  
 16 professional advisor deemed necessary by the two school boards to determine  
 17 the valuation of the assets and liabilities. The date of the valuations shall be the  
 18 effective date of this Act.

19 B. The assets that are required to be valued, pursuant to Subsection A  
 20 of this Section, shall include all of the following:

21 (1) All lands, buildings, improvements, facilities, school buses, vehicles,  
 22 and any other movable or immovable property, whether corporeal or  
 23 incorporeal, having title or ownership vested in the public and subject to  
 24 management, administration, and control by the East Baton Rouge Parish  
 25 School Board for public education purposes that are located within the  
 26 geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School System.

27 (2) Any reserves, trust funds, or other accounts containing funds set  
 28 aside to pay post employment retirement benefits for employees who retired  
 29 from schools located within the geographic boundaries of the St. George  
 30 Community School System prior to the effective date of this Act.

1           (3) Any reserves, trust funds, or other accounts set aside to pay for  
2           maintenance or deferred maintenance on movable or immovable properties  
3           located within the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School  
4           System that are described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

5           (4) Any insurance policies or reinsurance policies associated with the  
6           liabilities listed in Subsection C of this Section.

7           C. The liabilities that are required to be valued, pursuant to Subsection  
8           A of Section, shall include all of the following:

9                   (1) Necessary maintenance or depreciation that is associated with those  
10                  movable or immovable assets listed in Subsection B of this Section.

11                   (2) Unfunded accrued liability payments, as provided in R.S. 17:68.4.

12                   (3) Benefits related to costs associated with the reemployment of retirees  
13                  with respect to post employment benefits, as provided in R.S. 17:68.5.

14                   (4) Post employment benefits that are due to employees who retired from  
15                  schools located within the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community  
16                  School System prior to the effective date of this Act. In order to equitably  
17                  manage the risks associated with and the costs of providing the post  
18                  employment benefits, the benefit costs shall be calculated on the basis of the  
19                  benefit plan adopted by the St. George Community School Board for those  
20                  employees who are employed by the St. George Community School System after  
21                  the effective date of this Act.

22                   D. If, in order to reach a fair and equitable agreement with respect to the  
23                  division of assets and apportionment of liabilities as provided in this Section  
24                  results in the requirement that an equalizing payment be made, that payment  
25                  may be made as a one-time payment or may be structured over a number of  
26                  years, as agreed by the parties.

27                   E. If the two school boards are not able to reach a mutual agreement  
28                  with respect to the distribution of assets and liabilities, then the two school  
29                  boards may mutually agree upon an additional service provider to assist in  
30                  amicable resolution.

1 F. Nothing in this Section shall operate to delay the transfer of property  
 2 as required in R.S. 17:68.1 or in any way delay the St. George Community  
 3 School System from beginning its actual operation of providing for the  
 4 education of students within its jurisdiction on July 1, 2027.

5 G. For purposes of this Section, the following terms whether used in the  
 6 singular or plural shall have the following meanings:

7 (1) "Employees who are retired" or "retiree" means every person who  
 8 was employed by the school board including administrators, classroom teachers,  
 9 coaches, librarians, counselors, teachers' aides, clerical employees, lunchroom  
 10 workers, custodial workers, school bus operators, school bus operators' aides,  
 11 noninstructional employees, janitors, custodial workers, maintenance workers,  
 12 bus aides, attendants, or monitors.

13 (2) "Post employment benefits" means health insurance or life insurance  
 14 attributable to a retiree who was previously employed on the date of his  
 15 retirement at a school located within the geographic boundaries of the  
 16 St. George Community School System prior to the effective date of this Act.

17 Section 2. R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4 are hereby repealed.

18 Section 3. Any high school student residing within the geographic boundaries of the  
 19 St. George Community School System or the East Baton Rouge Parish School System may  
 20 elect to remain enrolled in the high school that the student was attending on the effective  
 21 date of this Act, until such time as the student graduates from high school. Such student shall  
 22 be included in the membership count for the school system in which he is enrolled for all  
 23 purposes, including state funding through the Minimum Foundation Program formula.

24 Section 4.(A) Any school student in an elementary or secondary school that resides  
 25 within the geographic boundaries of the St. George Community School System or the East  
 26 Baton Rouge Parish School System may elect to remain enrolled in the school that the  
 27 student was attending on the effective date of this Act as provided in this Section. Such  
 28 student shall be included in the membership count for the school system in which he is  
 29 enrolled for all purposes, including state funding through the Minimum Foundation Program  
 30 formula.

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 IN THIS ACT

1 (B) A student in kindergarten through fifth grade may remain enrolled in the school  
2 attended on the effective date of this Act until the completion of fifth grade, and a student  
3 in sixth through eighth grade may remain enrolled in the school attended on the effective  
4 date of this Act until the completion of eighth grade.

5 (C) Thereafter, no such student shall enroll in a school located outside the geographic  
6 boundaries of the school system in which he lives except as otherwise authorized pursuant  
7 to the provisions of this Act or any other provision of law.

8 Section 5. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when a proposed  
9 amendment to Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana is adopted at  
10 a statewide election and which amendment authorizes the St. George Community School  
11 System, as created in this Act or authorizes the creation of school districts by legislative act,  
12 as a system to be regarded and treated as a parish and have the authority granted to a parish  
13 school system as provided in Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:   
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# ACT 161

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HOUSE BILL NO. 213

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:87.6(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:87.6(C)(6) and (7), relative to alienation of school property by school boards; to authorize school boards to trade or engage in a buyback program for the alienation of individual computing devices; to provide for the use of funds derived from the sale of such devices; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:87.6(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:87.6(C)(6) and (7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§87.6. School property; alienation by school boards

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C.(1) Any local public school board may sell, trade, or participate in a buyback program as provided for in this Subsection, for the purpose of alienating individual computing devices that have been used by students for classwork, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

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(6) A school board may use revenue generated from the sale of devices as provided for in this Subsection for the acquisition, maintenance, or improvement of technology resources for the school or school district.

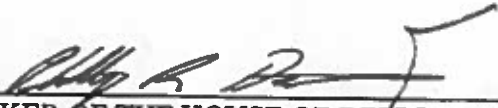
(7) Prior to the alienation of a device, a school board shall securely erase all student, employee, and school and district data or otherwise render it inaccessible in

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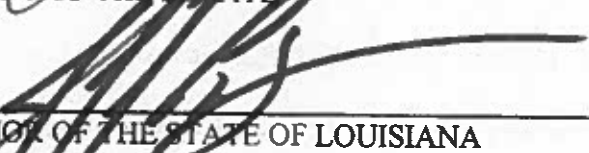
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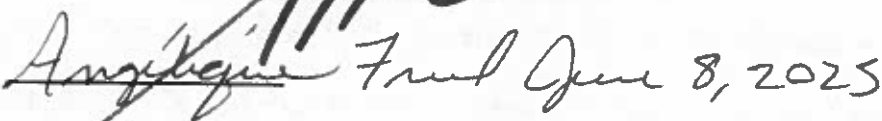
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Education and any applicable state or federal regulations.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 268

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, ADAMS, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRYANT, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, HORTON, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND YOUNG

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~14:73.8~~ (A), (C), and (D), 81.1(A), (B)(8) and (9), (E)(1) through (4) and (5)(a) and (b), (F)(2), (3)(b) and (c), (4), and (5)(introductory paragraph) and (d), 89.1(A)(2)(b)(i), 91.2(B), and 91.5(A)(1), R.S. ~~15:537~~(A), 539.1(F)(introductory paragraph), 541(24)(a) and (25)(d), 543.1(18), 545.1(C), and 1352(A)(45), R.S. 17:100.7(A)(1), R.S. 46:51.2(C)(1)(a), ~~Code of Criminal Procedure~~ Articles 648(B)(3)(i) and 718.1(A) and (B), ~~Children's Code~~ Articles 502(3) and (4)(I), 603(8) and (12)(I), and 610(F), and ~~Civil Code~~ Article 2315.3 and to enact R.S. 14:81.1(I) and R.S. 15:541(24)(c), relative to pornography involving juveniles; to change all references of "pornography involving juveniles" to "child sexual abuse materials"; to provide relative to the effects of these changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. ~~14:73.8~~(A), (C), and (D), 81.1(A), (B)(8) and (9), (E)(1) through (4) and (5)(a) and (b), (F)(2), (3)(b) and (c), (4), and (5)(introductory paragraph) and (d), 89.1(A)(2)(b)(i), 91.2(B), and 91.5(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:81.1(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§73.8. Unauthorized use of a wireless router system; ~~pornography involving juveniles~~ child sexual abuse materials; penalty

A. Unauthorized use of a wireless router system is the accessing or causing to be accessed of any computer, computer system, computer network, or any part thereof via any wireless router system for the purposes of uploading, downloading,

1 or circumstances to the ~~Cyber Tip Line~~ CyberTipline at the National Center for  
2 Missing and Exploited Children consistent with the requirements of 42 U.S.C.  
3 13032.

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5 §1352. Definitions

6 A. As used in this Chapter, "racketeering activity" means committing,  
7 attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or soliciting, coercing, or intimidating  
8 another person to commit any crime that is punishable under the following  
9 provisions of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Uniform  
10 Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or the Louisiana Securities Law:

11 \* \* \*

12 (45)(a) R.S. 14:81.1 (Pornography involving juveniles) which occurred prior  
13 to August 1, 2025.

14 (b) R.S. 14:81.1 (child sexual abuse materials) which occurred on or after  
15 August 1, 2025.

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17 Section 3. R.S. 17:100.7(A)(1) is hereby amended and ~~reenacted~~ to read as follows:

18 §100.7. Policies; governing authorities of public elementary and secondary schools;  
19 ~~i~~ Internet and online sites; access by students and employees; resources for  
20 parents; exceptions

21 A.(1) Each governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school  
22 shall adopt policies, in accordance with policies adopted by the State Board of  
23 Elementary and Secondary Education, regarding access by students and employees  
24 to ~~i~~ Internet and online sites that contain or make reference to harmful material the  
25 character of which is such that it is reasonably believed to be obscene, child  
26 pornography, child sexual abuse materials, conducive to the creation of a hostile or  
27 dangerous school environment, pervasively vulgar, excessively violent, or sexually  
28 harassing in the school environment all as defined by any applicable state or federal  
29 laws and the policies adopted pursuant to this Subsection. Such policies shall include

1 but not be limited to prohibitions against accessing sites containing information on  
2 the manufacturing or production of bombs or other incendiary devices.

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4 Section 4. R.S. 46:51.2(C)(1)(a) is hereby amended and ~~reenacted~~ to read as follows:

5 §51.2. Criminal history and central registry information

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7 C.(1) No prospective foster or adoptive parent or relative guardian shall be  
8 finally approved for placement of a child or to receive kinship guardian assistance  
9 payments until it is determined that the prospective foster or adoptive parent, or  
10 relative guardian and any other adult living in the home of the relative guardian, does  
11 not have any of the following:

12 (a) A felony conviction for child abuse or neglect; for spousal abuse; for a  
13 crime against children, including child pornography or child sexual abuse materials;  
14 or for a crime involving violence including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not  
15 including other assault or battery.

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17 Section 5. Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 648(B)(3)(~~i~~) and 718.1(A) and (B),  
18 are hereby amended and ~~reenacted~~ to read as follows:

19 Art. 648. Procedure after determination of mental capacity or incapacity

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21 B.

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23 (3) If, after the hearing, the court determines that the incompetent defendant  
24 is unlikely in the foreseeable future to be capable of standing trial, the court shall  
25 order the defendant released or remanded to the custody of the Louisiana Department  
26 of Health which, within ten days exclusive of weekends and holidays, may institute  
27 civil commitment proceedings pursuant to Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
28 of 1950, or release the defendant. The defendant shall remain in custody pending  
29 such civil commitment proceedings. If the defendant is committed to a treatment  
30 facility pursuant to Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the director

1 (12) "Crime against the child" shall include the commission of or the  
2 attempted commission of any of the following crimes against the child as provided  
3 by federal or state statutes:

4 \* \* \*

5 (1) ~~Pornography involving juveniles~~ Child sexual abuse materials.

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7 Art. 610. Reporting procedure; reports to the legislature and the United States  
8 Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program

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10 F. Any commercial film or photographic print processor who has knowledge  
11 of or observes, within the scope of this professional capacity or employment, any  
12 film, photograph, video tape, negative, or slide depicting a child who he knows or  
13 should know is under the age of seventeen years, which constitutes child  
14 pornography or child sexual abuse materials as defined in Article 603, shall report  
15 immediately to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the case.  
16 The reporter shall provide a copy of the film, photograph, videotape, negative, or  
17 slide to the agency receiving the report.

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19 Section 7. Civil Code Article 2315.3 is hereby ~~amended and reenacted~~ to read as  
20 follows:

21 Art. 2315.3. Additional damages; ~~child pornography;~~ child sexual abuse materials

22 In addition to general and special damages, exemplary damages may be  
23 awarded upon proof that the injuries on which the action is based were caused by a  
24 wanton and reckless disregard for the rights and safety of the person through an act  
25 of ~~pornography involving juveniles~~ child sexual abuse materials, as defined by R.S.  
26 14:81.1, regardless of whether the defendant was prosecuted for his acts.

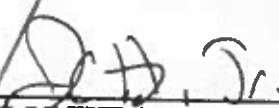
27 Section 8. Nothing in this Act <sup>✓ [Acts 2025, No. 261]</sup> alleviates any person arrested, convicted, or  
28 adjudicated delinquent for pornography involving juveniles prior to the effective date of this  
29 Act <sup>✓ [Acts 2025, No. 261, eff. 8/1/2025]</sup> from any requirement, obligation, or consequence imposed by law as a result of that  
30 arrest, conviction, or adjudication including but not limited to any requirements regarding

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1 the setting of bail, sex offender registration and notification, parental rights, probation,  
 2 parole, sentencing, or any other requirement, obligation, or consequence imposed by law as  
 3 a result of that arrest, conviction, or adjudication.

4 Section 9. This Act shall be cited and referred to as "The Audrey Wascome Act".

  
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 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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# ACT 100

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SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATORS FOIL, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, ILLG, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, STAGNI, THOMPSON, WILDER, WILEY AND WYBLE

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## AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B), R.S. 23:332(A)(1) and (2), (B), (C)(1) and (2), (D), (E), (F), and (H)(1) and (4), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and (C) and 2608 and to enact R.S. 23:322(10) and R.S. 51:2603(14), relative to discrimination based on military status; to prohibit discrimination in public schools; to prohibit discrimination in employment; to prohibit discrimination in public buildings; to prohibit discrimination in facilities to which the public is invited; to prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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§111. Discrimination in public schools prohibited; pupil assignment; religious educational institutions

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A.(1) No person shall be refused admission into or be excluded from any public school in the state of Louisiana on account of race, creed, color, disability, as

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1 defined in R.S. 51:2232, national origin, military status, or natural, protective, or  
2 cultural hairstyle.

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4 B. Except with the express approval of a board of education or school board  
5 having jurisdiction, a majority of the members of such board having been elected,  
6 no student shall be assigned or compelled to attend any school on account of race,  
7 creed, color or national origin, or for the purpose of achieving equality in attendance  
8 or increased attendance or reduced attendance, at any school, of persons of one or  
9 more particular races, creeds, colors or, national origins, or military status, and no  
10 school district, school zone or attendance unit, by whatever name known, shall be  
11 established, reorganized or maintained for any such purpose, provided that nothing  
12 contained in this section Section shall prevent the assignment of a pupil in the  
13 manner requested or authorized by his parents or guardian, and provided further that  
14 nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect, in any way, the right of a religious or  
15 denominational educational institution to select its pupils exclusively or primarily  
16 from members of such religion or denomination or from giving preference to such  
17 selection to such members or to make such selection to its pupils as is calculated to  
18 promote the religious principle for which it is established.

19 Section 2. R.S. 23:332(A)(1) and (2), (B), (C)(1) and (2), (D), (E), (F), and (H)(1)  
20 and (4) are hereby amended and ~~re-enacted~~ and R.S. 23:322(10) is hereby enacted to read as  
21 follows.

22 §322. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part...

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(1)-(2) = (1)-(2) (7)

(3) → (9) (10) "Military status" means status as:

(4)-(7) → (3)-(6)

(a) A member of the uniformed forces, as defined in 10 U.S.C. §

(8) = (8) (9)

(9) → (10) 101(A)(5), of the United States or a reserve component thereof named under 10

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U.S.C. § 10101.

(b) A dependent as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(4) except that the support

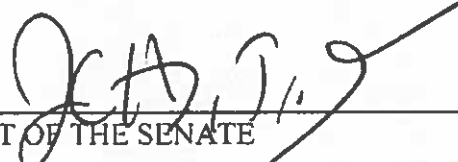
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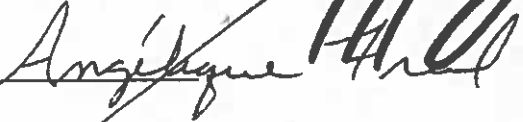
§2608. Discrimination in provision of brokerage services

It is unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, military status, or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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# ACT 181

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 344

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:112(B) and to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(89), relative to student records; to require that student records include full disciplinary records upon transfer from one school to another; to apply requirements pertaining to certain student records to charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:112(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3996(B)(89) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§112. Student academic and disciplinary records; transfer; parental rights

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B. The principal shall include in the transferred records the student's full school disciplinary record, including but not limited to ~~If a student has been suspended or expelled, or both, the transferred records shall include~~ the dates of any suspension or expulsion and the reasons for which the student was suspended or expelled.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be


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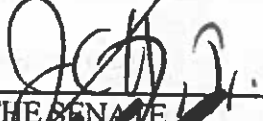
exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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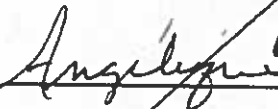
(89) Student records, R.S. 17:112.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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# ACT 425

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 126

BY SENATORS KLEINPETER, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JENKINS, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COATES, DEWITT, FREIBERG, GALLE, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MOORE, OWEN, ROMERO, WILDER, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89), relative to school mapping data; to provide relative to delivery of school mapping data; to provide for definitions; to provide for school mapping data guidelines; to prohibit modification or updating of data without certain corresponding updates; to provide relative to public records exceptions; to provide for charter school exemptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§416.16.1. School mapping data**

**A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education shall coordinate with the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools to provide the mapping data of all public schools in order to provide law enforcement the appropriate tools needed for school safety.**

**(2) Upon preparing a school crisis management and response plan in accordance with R.S. 17:416.16 each city, parish, or other local public school system governing authority or a vendor shall submit a copy of the most recent blueprints and school mapping data of each school building and facility in the school system to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over any**

1 portion of the school governing authority, each local and state public safety and  
2 emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, and to  
3 the school's office for use in response to emergencies.

4 (3) All aspects of the school mapping data shall be collected, produced,  
5 and stored within the United States of America.

6 (4) For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the  
7 following meanings:

8 (a) "First responders" means local, state, and federal law enforcement  
9 agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

10 (b) "School mapping data" means information provided in an electronic  
11 or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at  
12 public schools.

13 B. The school mapping data provided shall do all of the following:

14 (1) Be compatible with software platforms used by local, parish, state,  
15 and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the  
16 specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such agencies  
17 to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data.

18 (2) Be compatible with security software platforms in use by the specific  
19 school for which the data is provided without requiring public safety agencies  
20 or school districts to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or  
21 access the data.

22 (3) Be available in a printable format.

23 (4) Be verified by the entity producing the data for accuracy by a  
24 walk-through of school buildings and grounds.

25 (5) Be oriented true north.

26 (6) Be overlaid on current aerial imagery.

27 (7) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the structure of school  
28 buildings including room labels, hallway names, and external door or stairwell  
29 numbers and locations of hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes,  
30 automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits.

1           **(8) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the school grounds**  
 2           **including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring**  
 3           **properties.**

4           **(9) Be overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates.**

5           **C. School mapping data shall not be modified or updated independently**  
 6           **without corresponding updates to school mapping data within software**  
 7           **platforms used by local, parish, state, and federal public safety agencies that**  
 8           **provide emergency services to the specific school.**

9           **D. City, parish, and other local public school systems shall become**  
 10          **subject to the requirements of this Section according to the following schedule:**

11          **(1) All public school buildings and facilities that were constructed within**  
 12          **the last five years shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that**  
 13          **begins immediately after the effective date of this Section.**

14          **(2) All other public schools that have one thousand or more students**  
 15          **enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that begins**  
 16          **one year after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph <sup>g</sup>(E)(1) of this Section.**

17          **(3) All other public schools that have six hundred to nine hundred**  
 18          **ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the**  
 19          **school year that begins two years after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph**  
 20          **<sup>g</sup>(E)(1) of this Section.**

21          **(4) All other public schools that have three hundred to five hundred**  
 22          **ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the**  
 23          **school year that begins three years after collections begin pursuant to**  
 24          **Paragraph <sup>g</sup>(E)(1) of this Section.**

25          **(5) All other public schools that have under two hundred ninety-nine**  
 26          **students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that**  
 27          **begins four years after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph <sup>g</sup>(E)(1) of this**  
 28          **Subsection Section.**

29          **E. Blueprints and school mapping data of public school building or**  
 30          **facility shall not be subject to the Public Records Law.**

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(9) School mapping data, R.S. 17:416.16.1.

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~~Section 2, R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

§4.1. Exceptions

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B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions, and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by citation:

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(9) R.S. 17:7.2, 46, 47, 81.9, 391.4, 407.28, 407.47, 407.65, 416.16.1 500.2, 1175, 1202, 1237, 1252, 1948, 1989.7, 2047, 2048.31, 3099, 3100.8, 3136, 3137, 3138.12, 3390, 3703, 3773, 3884

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Section 3. This Act shall be known as the "Protect Our Children and Response Act".

Section 4.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

NOTE: ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT IN §§142

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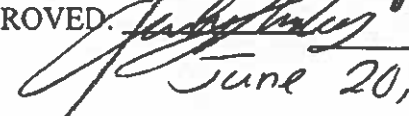
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(B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such approval.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED.   
June 20, 2025