

Provides that a majority of the members of each panel constitute a quorum. Provides that all official actions of the panel shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the panel. Requires that the commissioner of education call the first meeting of the panel by August 15, 2021.

Requires the panel to meet at least two times per year up to a maximum of four times each year, and may meet at other times at the call of the chairman or as provided by panel rule. Authorizes the panel to adopt rules of procedure for its operation.

Requires that the panel:

- (1) Evaluate policies and practices of institutions of public postsecondary education, public postsecondary education management boards, and the Board of Regents regarding reporting, investigating, and adjudicating power-based violence by and against students and recommend revisions to improve such policies and practices.
- (2) Advise and assist institutions of public postsecondary education, public postsecondary education management boards, and the Board of Regents in coordinating procedures to provide power-based violence prevention programs.
- (3) Serve as an advisory agency to the legislature, the governor, the Board of Regents, and the public postsecondary education management boards regarding power-based violence.

Requires that to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Public Records Law, the Board of Regents, each public postsecondary education management board, each public postsecondary education institution, and each local law enforcement or criminal justice agency located within a parish with a public postsecondary education institution campus shall make available all facts, records, information, and data required by the panel and in all ways cooperate with the panel in carrying out the functions and duties imposed by proposed law.

Defines "power-based violence" as any form of interpersonal violence intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power over them including sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic abuse and family violence, dating violence, nonconsensual observation, stalking, unlawful communications, and unwelcomed sexual or sex- or gender-based conduct.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.13(4) and 3399.18)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Recodifies provisions.

2. Clarifies the definition of "power-based violence".
3. Provides for the membership of the panel and places the panel under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents.
4. Requires the commissioner of higher education to call the first meeting of the review panel by August 1, 2021.
5. Makes technical corrections.
6. Makes effective upon signature of the governor.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the required date of the first meeting from Aug. 1 to Aug. 15, 2021.
2. Reduces the number of required meetings from 4 to "2 times per year up to a maximum of 4".
3. Makes technical changes.