EDUCATION: Requires the state Department of Education to develop and distribute health and safety guidelines relative to best practices for the use of digital devices in public schools

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3921.4, relative to digital devices in public schools; to require the state Department of Education to develop health and safety guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools; to require collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and professional medical societies in developing the guidelines; to provide for the content of the guidelines; to require the state Department of Education to distribute the guidelines to public school governing authorities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3921.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3921.4. Digital devices in public schools; health and safety guidelines

A. The state Department of Education, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and professional medical societies, shall develop health and safety guidelines relative to best practices for the effective integration of digital devices in public schools. The state Department of Education shall distribute the guidelines to public school governing authorities for implementation.

B. The guidelines shall be based on peer-reviewed, independently funded studies and shall address, at a minimum, digital device use for different age ranges and developmental levels, the amount of time spent on digital devices in the

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classroom, appropriate break frequency from the use of digital devices, the physical positioning of digital devices in the classroom, the use of digital devices for homework, and the training of teachers relative to these issues.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for health and safety guidelines relative to the use of digital devices in public schools.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE), in collaboration with the La. Dept. of Health and medical professional societies, to develop health and safety guidelines relative to best practices for the effective integration of digital devices in public schools. Requires DOE to distribute the guidelines to public school governing authorities for implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:3921.4)