DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the integration of adverse childhood experience educational practices into early childhood education.

Adverse childhood experience family outreach

Present law defines "adverse childhood experiences" and "trauma-informed education" in the context of school employees and best practices for schools and classrooms. Proposed law changes term "trauma-informed education" to "adverse childhood experience education" and adds "adverse childhood experience family outreach" to the definitions. Further requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to annually report relative to efforts to integrate such concepts and practices into schools.

Pilot programs

Proposed law requires DOE to create and implement pilot programs integrating adverse childhood experience education and adverse childhood experience family outreach into early childhood education. Further requires DOE to annually report relative to the implementation of the programs.

(Amends R.S. 17:437.2(A)(2), (B), (C)(3), and (D); Adds R.S. 17:407.22.1 and 437.2(A)(3) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Delete requirements relative to monies from the La. Early Childhood Education Fund being used for proposed law purposes.

2. Remove references to "trauma-informed" education from present law and proposed law. Change all references to "trauma-informed" education and outreach to "adverse childhood experience" education and outreach.