
DIGEST

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HB 478 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires certain health and resource information to be posted and made available to patients at school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education campuses.

Present law (R.S. 40:31.3) requires the office of public health (OPH) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), to facilitate the establishment of health centers in schools. Requires centers be registered with OPH. Prohibits health centers in schools from advocating abortion in any way. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires LDH to do the following:

- (1) Produce and distribute displays for school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education campuses. Requires the signs to read "Pregnant? Help Is Available for You and Your Baby!" and include a link to the department's pregnancy website. Requires signs to be at least 16 inches by 20 inches and the text to be printed in a large, easily readable font.
- (2) Produce and distribute booklets for such facilities with certain information, including information about services available to pregnant women, adoption, and neonatal care.
- (3) Promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for the implementation of proposed law relative to the production and distribution of booklets in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
- (4) Post information on its website about how to request booklets.

Proposed law requires staff of the centers to post signs and have booklets available in each patient admission area, patient waiting room, and patient consultation room.

(Adds R.S. 17:3384 and R.S. 40:31.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the requirement that school health clinic and student health center staff offer a

booklet with certain information to each pregnant patient.

2. Designate the Act as the "Signs of Hope Act."