SLS 26RS-416 **ENGROSSED**

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 98

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Adds certain school employees to the definition of "educator" relative to prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student. (8/1/26)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.4(B)(1), relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to provide relative to prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student; to provide relative to the definition of "educator"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:81.4(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§81.4. Prohibited sexual conduct between educator and student

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B. As used in this Section:

(1) "Educator" means any administrator, coach, instructor, paraprofessional, student aide, teacher, ~~or~~ teacher aide**, school resource officer, or security guard** at any public or private school, assigned, employed, or working at the school or school system where the victim is enrolled as a student on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis.

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DIGEST

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Present law defines "educator" and prohibits sexual conduct between an educator and student.

Proposed law adds school resource officers and security guards to the definition of "educator".

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:81.4(B)(1))

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