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Present law provides for the "Protect Our Children and Response Act", related to school safety and crisis management and requires that internal mapping (floor plans) of traditional public schools and public charter schools be made available to first responders during a school lock down. Present law defines "first responders" as local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Dept. of Education to coordinate with the La. Center for Safe Schools to gather and store the mapping data that is to be used by first responders.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that an exterior master key box is to be installed at each traditional public school and public charter school from funds appropriated by the legislature to the La. Center for Safe Schools for such purposes. Proposed law defines "exterior master key box" as a secure, wall-mounted, anti-theft resistant container that is installed outside a building.

Proposed law provides that, no later than Jan. 1, 2028, each traditional public school and public charter school is to install at least one exterior master key box on the school campus. The exterior master key box is to contain printed copies of the school maps and exterior keys to each door on the school campus.

Proposed law provides that each exterior master key box is to be installed at a location on the school's campus that is determined by the school, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law provides that each master key box installed by the school board at a school is to meet the basic commercial applications standard for anti-theft alarms and devices.
Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.16.1(A), (1), (2), and (4), and (E); adds R.S. 17:416.16.1(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Changes the compliance date from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2028.
3. Changes the agency that appropriated funds will be sent to from BESE to the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools.