

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 333

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND SPELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request public school governing authorities and employees to comply with and enforce, as applicable, the bullying laws of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, as stated in the Constitution of Louisiana, it is the goal of the public education system to provide learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential; and

WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:416.13, requires the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to adopt and incorporate into the student code of conduct a policy prohibiting the bullying of a student by another student and requires that this policy be implemented in a manner that is ongoing throughout the school year and integrated with a school's curriculum, a school's discipline policies, and other violence prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:416.14, further requires the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to institute a program to prohibit and prevent bullying; and

WHEREAS, this law provides that such a program shall ensure that each student, each student's parent or legal guardian, and each school administrator, teacher, counselor, bus operator, school employee, and volunteer is aware of his duties and responsibilities relative to preventing and stopping bullying; provide for a process for reporting and investigating alleged incidents of bullying; provide for appropriate discipline of a student found guilty of bullying; provide for appropriate remedies for a student found to have been bullied; and provide for procedures for investigating and reporting each school administrator, teacher, counselor, bus operator, and school employee for failure to act as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, this law further requires each governing authority to conduct a review of the student code of conduct and amend the code as may be necessary to assure that the policy prohibiting the bullying of a student by another student specifically addresses the behavior constituting bullying, the effect the behavior has on others, including bystanders, and the disciplinary and criminal consequences and includes the definition of bullying as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, student safety should be the utmost priority at both the state and local levels, and in spite of current law, there are students who are bullied by other students; and

WHEREAS, in order for the public education system to meet its constitutional goal of providing learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence, it is imperative that all public school governing authorities and employees comply with and enforce, as applicable, the laws of the state relative to bullying.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request public school governing authorities and employees to comply with and enforce, as applicable, the bullying laws of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education, who shall disseminate a copy to the superintendent of each city, parish, or other local public school system and to the governing authority of each charter school.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES