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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 898 by Representative Bacala

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 4, and insert "school safety; to provide for resources and reporting procedures; to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 12, and insert "PART XII. LOUISIANA SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 18, on page 2, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert the following:

"This Part may be cited as the "Louisiana School and Student Safety Act.  
§409.2. Definitions"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete line 26, and insert the following:

"(4) The term "school crisis management and response plan" shall mean the plan developed by a school pursuant to R.S. 17:416.16.

§409.3 Resources; educational materials, reporting procedures; threat assessment  
Each public school governing authority shall, as part of their school crisis management and response plan, develop resources, policies and procedures, and guidelines to address the potential of violence and terrorism in the schools under its jurisdiction including:

A. Materials regarding recognizing and reporting potential threats to school safety, including threats made through oral, written or electronic communication, such as posts on social media.

(1) The materials shall either be distributed to, or explained to, students and school personnel at the beginning of each academic year, and shall be posted on an easily accessible page of each school's website and the website of the governing authority.

(2) Materials distributed to students shall be age and grade appropriate.

B. Reporting procedures which, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) A standardized form to be used by students and school personnel to report potential threats which requests at a minimum the following information:

(a) Name of school, person, or group being threatened.

(b) Name of student, individual, or group threatening violence.

(c) Date and time the threat was made.

(d) Method by which the threat was made, including the social media outlet or website where the threat was posted, a screenshot or recording of the threat, if available, and any printed evidence of the threat.

(2) A process for allowing anonymous reporting, and for safeguarding the identity of a person who reports a threat.

(3) Mandatory reporting procedures pursuant to R.S. 17:409.4.

C. Threat assessment procedures pursuant to R.S. 17:409.5 for school administrators to access the threat and report the threat to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The procedures shall require administrators to keep the form required by Paragraph (2) of this Section and document all actions taken to assess

1 each threat and shall be in compliance with this Part and with the school crisis  
 2 management plan.  
 3 §409.4 Mandatory Reporting"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 5

5 On page 3, delete lines 15, and insert the following:

6 "§409.5 Threat assessment  
 7 A. (1) Each public school governing authority shall develop and adopt a policy for  
 8 the"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 6

10 On page 3, line 24, change "D." to "B."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 7

12 On page 4, line 5, change "E." to "C."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 8

14 On page 4, line 10, change "17:409.5(A)" to "17:409.4(A)"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 9

16 On page 4, line 26, after "another" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:  
 17 "medical professional, preferably a psychiatrist, or a mental health  
 18 professional, such as a school psychologist, to examine the student and"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 10

20 On page 4, line 29, after "medical" insert "or mental health"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 11

22 On page 5, at the end of line 1, delete "physician" and insert "medical or mental health  
 23 professional"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 12

25 On page 5, line 6, delete "medical"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 13

27 On page 5, at the beginning of line 8, delete "medical"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 14

29 On page 5, line 10, after "medical" insert "or mental health"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 15

31 On page 5, at the end of line 11, delete "physician" and insert "medical or mental health  
 32 professional"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 16

34 On page 5, line 13, delete "physician or the court-appointed physician" and insert "medical  
 35 or mental health professional"

1    AMENDMENT NO. 17

2    On page 5, at the end of line 18, insert the following:

3           "The court shall not order custody to the Louisiana Department of Health or  
 4           placement with a Louisiana Department of Health treatment facility without prior  
 5           notice."

6    AMENDMENT NO. 18

7    On page 5, line 20, delete "physician or the court-appointed physician" and insert "medical  
 8    or mental health professional"

9    AMENDMENT NO. 1910   On page 5, line 27, change "17:409.5(A)" to "17:409.4(A)"11   AMENDMENT NO. 2012   On page 5, line 28, after "formal" insert "medical or"13   AMENDMENT NO. 21

14   On page 6, after line 15, insert the following:

15           "Section 2. The legislature finds and declares that:  
 16               (1) Acts of violence and terrorism continue to occur in schools and pose a  
 17               significant threat to the safety and well-being of children.  
 18               (2) Acts of violence and terrorism foster a climate of fear that can seriously  
 19               impair and affect the physical and psychological health of students and create  
 20               conditions that negatively affect learning.  
 21               (3) Protecting children and the school environment is a governmental interest  
 22               of the highest order.  
 23               (4) Students, parents, educators, and policymakers have come together to call  
 24               for leadership and action to address the national crisis of terrorism and violence in  
 25               elementary and secondary schools.  
 26               (5) The purposes of this Part is to address the acts of violence and terrorism  
 27               and provide resources to educate students and school personnel on such violence,  
 28               provide a method for reporting and investigating threats, and evaluate students who  
 29               may be threat to themselves or others."