

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY SENATOR BISHOP

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the state Department of Education to require each local public school board that maintains a website to publish certain information on the website.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to require each city, parish, and other
3 local public school board that maintains a website to publish on the website annually
4 certain information relative to classroom management, student guidance and
5 discipline, PBIS, conflict resolution, mediation, cultural competence, restorative
6 practices, guidance and discipline, and adolescent development.

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana schools suspend more than 62,000 students a year, which is
8 a rate 130% higher than the national average and is 200% higher for our youngest children
9 in elementary school; and

10 WHEREAS, students who are suspended are twice as likely to drop out of school;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, students who are suspended are more likely to enter the juvenile and
13 adult criminal justice systems than students who are allowed to stay in school; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) has concluded that
15 Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) provides a positive and effective alternative
16 to traditional methods of discipline; and

17 WHEREAS, LDOE has also concluded that PBIS methods are research-based and
18 proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviors in the school, resulting

1 in a more positive school climate and increased academic performance; and

2 WHEREAS, PBIS is consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
3 and Act No. 1225 of the 2003 Regular Session (the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003);
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Act 1225 requires each city, parish, and other local public school board
6 to develop a master plan for each school under its jurisdiction for improving behavior and
7 discipline based on the State Board of Secondary and Elementary Education approved model
8 master plan; and

9 WHEREAS, Act No. 136 of the 2010 Regular Session, which enacted R.S.
10 17:252(D), requires that the model plans of city, parish, and other local public school boards
11 to include pre-service and ongoing grade appropriate classroom management training for
12 teachers, principals, and other appropriate school personnel regarding PBIS and
13 reinforcement, conflict resolution, mediation, cultural competence, restorative practices,
14 guidance and discipline, and adolescent development; and

15 WHEREAS, Act 136 also requires city, parish, and other local public school boards
16 to regularly review discipline data from each school to determine what additional classroom
17 management training is needed, if any, and what additional classroom support activities
18 should be provided by the principal and school administration.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to require each city, parish,
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22 annually certain information relative to classroom management, student guidance and
23 discipline, PBIS, conflict resolution, mediation, cultural competence, restorative practices,
24 guidance and discipline, and adolescent development, in an easily understandable format.
25 Such information shall include but not be limited to the following:

26 (1) Disciplinary action processes and procedures applicable to students, which
27 includes separate links for each of the following:

28 (a) All state suspension and expulsion laws applicable to students.

29 (b) A disciplinary action timeline, from notice through appeal.

30 (c) Explanations of due process rights for both informal and formal hearings and,

1 in the case of formal hearings, shall also include a full explanation of the disciplinary
2 process, a complete list of the student's procedural due process rights, the hearing agenda,
3 and the appeal process.

4 (d) Rules and regulations on the use of corporal punishment to discipline students.

5 (2) The school board's policies and procedures.

6 (3) Minutes of school board meetings required to be made available to the public
7 pursuant to R.S. 42:20.

8 (4) Directory of schools and contact information.

9 (5) School calendars, including the beginning and end of each school year, staff
10 days, conference days, testing days, application-specific dates, report card release dates,
11 early release days, and holidays.

12 (6) The school board model plan required by Act 1225 and any school expenditures
13 associated with PBIS, conflict resolution, mediation, cultural competence, restorative
14 practices, and adolescent development.

15 (7) The training dates, providers, and expenditures of the classroom management
16 training required by Act 136.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 state Department of Education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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