

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Provides for the collection and reporting of certain information relative to school safety and discipline

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and 3912(A) and (B) and to enact R.S.
3 17:416.19(D), relative to information on school safety and discipline; to require the
4 collection and reporting of certain information relative to school safety and
5 discipline; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and 3912(A) and (B) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 17:416.19(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §416.19. School resource officers

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11 D. A city, parish, or other local public school system that has entered into an
12 agreement with a local law enforcement agency to provide for school resource
13 officers shall annually report to the state Department of Education the total number
14 of school resource officers provided to the system.

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16 §3911. Data collection system; establishment

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18 B.(1) The data collection system shall provide for but shall not be limited to
19 the regular collection of the following information on a per school basis, including
20 schools and educational programs located within secure care facilities under the

1 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile
2 justice:

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4 (i) Student discipline information, ~~including suspensions and expulsions~~. in
5 total and by unduplicated counts, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, age, sex,
6 English learner status, and students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and
7 talented, in accordance with data collection conducted pursuant to 20 U.S.C.
8 3413(c)(1), including but not limited to the following:

- 9 (i) In-school suspensions.
- 10 (ii) Out-of-school suspensions.
- 11 (iii) In-school expulsions.
- 12 (iv) Out-of-school expulsions.
- 13 (v) Removals to an alternative education setting by school personnel.
- 14 (vi) Referrals to law enforcement.
- 15 (vii) School-related arrests.

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17 §3912. Progress profiles; preparation; distribution

18 A. Using, at a minimum, the data required to be collected pursuant to R.S.
19 17:3911(B), the ~~department~~ state Department of Education shall annually prepare
20 and produce a state-level progress profile, a district-level progress profile for each
21 public school system, and a school-level progress profile for each public school.
22 Each profile shall be produced in a format common to all of them which shall be
23 designed by the department so as to provide to school-based users all pertinent
24 information in a readily usable form and to provide to the public all pertinent
25 information in a clear and understandable form. The state-level and each district-
26 level profile shall contain the last three years of trend information as required by R.S.
27 17:10.2 (A). Each school profile shall contain all of the information relevant to the
28 school as required to be collected pursuant to R.S. 17:3911(B) as well as the same
29 information for the school system as a whole and the state. In addition, a parent-

1 level progress profile shall be prepared containing, at a minimum, results from
 2 required state tests and other relevant information used to compute a school's
 3 performance score as part of the district and school accountability program. For the
 4 purposes of this Section, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of
 5 juvenile justice, shall be considered a school district, and each secure facility
 6 operated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile
 7 justice, shall be considered a school.

8 B. All such profiles shall be public record and ~~each~~ shall be published on the
 9 state Department of Education's website. Each school and school system shall be
 10 provided a copy of its profile by the department without cost. Each district shall
 11 provide to parents a free copy of the parent-level profile of the school which the
 12 parent's child or children attend. Additionally, the department shall provide a
 13 summary report on the content of the profiles to the board, the governor, and the
 14 members of the legislature. The parent-level profile shall be in a format and of a
 15 nature that is easy to read, clear, and understandable.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the collection and reporting of certain information relative to school safety and discipline including numbers of school resource officers and student suspensions, expulsions, removals to alternative settings, referrals to law enforcement, and school-related arrests.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education to establish a standardized data collection and analysis system to collect data from schools and school systems for the purpose of preparing and producing progress profile reports as required in present law. Provides that the purpose of the progress profiles is to establish a database for educational planning, increase accountability at all levels, provide information to parents of school children and the public about the status of education, to provide achievement and performance information to schools and colleges, and to foster a link between elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities. Requires schools and school systems to be provided copies of profiles by the department without cost and requires each district to provide parents a free copy of the parent-level profile. Further requires the department to provide a summary report on the profiles to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, the governor, and the legislature. Provides that the progress profiles are public records.

Present law provides that the data collected include student test results, school performance scores, dropout rates, faculty information, student discipline information, and other specified information. Requires the department to annually collect specific data for students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and talented. Further requires for the collection and reporting of data for each disability classification in total and by race, gender, age, and sex.

Relative to present law requirement for the collection of student discipline information, proposed law specifies that such information be collected in total and by unduplicated counts, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, age, sex, English learner status, and students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and talented, in accordance with data collection conducted pursuant to federal law (relative to data collected to ensure compliance with civil rights laws), including but not limited to information on student suspensions, expulsions, removals to alternative settings, referrals to law enforcement, and school-related arrests.

Proposed law requires that the progress profiles be published on the state Dept. of Education's website.

Present law authorizes local public school systems and nonpublic schools to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to provide for school resource officers. Provides that school resource officers are peace officers and shall be certified by a nationally accredited school resource officer program or a state school resource officer training program certified by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Proposed law requires a local public school system that has entered into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to provide for school resource officers to annually report to the state Dept. of Education the total number of school resource officers provided to the system.

(Amends R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and 3912(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 17:416.19(D))