
DIGEST

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HB 466 Reengrossed

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Horton

Abstract: Provides relative to instruction on and discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity with certain public school students.

Proposed law prohibits a public school teacher, employee, or other presenter at a school from doing any of the following in grades kindergarten through 12:

- (1) Incorporating into classroom instruction or discussion topics of sexual orientation or gender identity in a manner that deviates from state content standards or curricula developed or approved by the public school governing authority.
- (2) Covering the topics of sexual orientation or gender identity during any extracurricular activity.
- (3) Discussing his personal sexual orientation or gender identity.

Proposed law provides that no public school employee shall use a pronoun for a student that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's sex unless the student's parent provides written permission.

Proposed law provides that no public school employee or student shall be required to use a pronoun for any person that differs from the pronoun that aligns with that person's sex if doing so is contrary to the employee or student's sincerely held religious beliefs or if doing so would violate specified statutory rights under present law. Proposed law requires employees to use either a student's name, a derivative thereof, or another name authorized by the student's parent.

(Adds R.S. 17:412)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add specified statutory rights as a reason a teacher would not be required to use a particular pronoun.
2. Provide that a *student* is not required to use a pronoun if doing so violates his religious beliefs or rights.

3. Add requirement that employees use the student's name as given or authorized by parents.