

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 296 (HB 652)

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Existing law requires a teacher, school bus driver, or teaching staff employee to obtain a certification from a physician documenting the existence of an illness before the teacher, school bus driver, or teaching staff employee is permitted to use sick leave or extended sick leave.

New law retains existing law and further authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) or a physician assistant (PA) to certify the existence of an illness for the purpose of utilizing sick leave or extended sick leave.

Existing law provides that the school board or the superintendent may challenge a certification of illness and require the teacher, teaching staff employee, or school bus driver to be examined by a physician selected by the board or superintendent. If the physician selected by the teacher, teaching staff employee, or school bus driver disagrees with the determination of the school board's or superintendent's chosen physician, the teacher, teaching staff employee, or school bus driver may be compelled to an examination by an independent third physician.

New law retains existing law and allows that the certification or examination in existing law required to be completed by a physician may also be completed by APRN or PA.

New law defines "clinician" as a physician, APRN, or PA.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:500(B)(1), 500.2(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (c), (D)(1)(b), and E(1)(a) and (2)(a)-(c) and (e), 1201(A)(2), 1202(A)(1)(b) and (2)(intro. para.) and (d), (D)(1)(b), and (E)(1)(a) and (c), (2)(a)-(c), and (3), 1206(A)(1), and 1206.2(D)(1)(b) and (E)(1)(a) and (c), (2)(a)-(c), and (3); Adds R.S. 17:1200(D))