

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits certain types of discipline of students in elementary and secondary schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.1(B)(2), relative to student discipline; to prohibit certain
3 types of corporal punishment in elementary and secondary schools; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:416(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §416.1. Discipline of students; additional disciplinary authority

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9 B.

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11 (2) Corporal punishment means using physical force to discipline a student,
12 with or without an object. Corporal punishment includes hitting, paddling, striking,
13 spanking, slapping, or any other physical force that causes pain or physical
14 discomfort. Taping a student's mouth shut or otherwise restricting his airway in any
15 manner is prohibited regardless of parental consent provided for in Paragraph (1) of
16 this Subsection.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits restricting a student's airway as a form of corporal punishment in elementary and secondary schools.

Present law defines corporal punishment as the use of physical force that causes pain or discomfort to discipline a student, not including seclusion or restraint under certain circumstances.

Present law prohibits the use of any form of corporal punishment for students in elementary and secondary schools unless a parent or legal guardian provides written consent for the use of corporal punishment.

Proposed law prohibits taping a student's mouth shut or restricting a student's airway as forms of student discipline, regardless of parental consent for the use of corporal punishment.

Present law is applicable to charter schools and nonpublic schools that receive state funds. Proposed law also applies to such schools.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.1(B)(2))