
DIGEST

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HB 320 Engrossed

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Abstract: Repeals certain student instruction and teacher/employee training requirements and authorizes the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to promulgate rules requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training.

Present law requires student instruction on the following: adoption awareness, breast and cervical exams, CPR and automated external defibrillators, child assault, dating violence, eating disorders, internet and cell phone safety, litter, mental health, organ donation, parenthood, safe haven laws, shaken baby syndrome, substance abuse, and water safety.

Present law requires teacher/school employee training on the following: adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed education, classroom management, bullying, communicable disease and control, first aid, sudden cardiac arrest, and suicide prevention.

Proposed law repeals these requirements and authorizes BESE to promulgate rules that require the inclusion of certain topics in student instruction and in the training of teachers of other school employees. Requires BESE to consider the instruction/training topics repealed by proposed law in the promulgation of these rules.

(Amends R.S. 17:6(A)(15); Adds R.S. 17:6(A)(16); Repeals R.S. 17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 267, 271, 271.1, 275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1, 440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73), and (76))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Reinstate present law cursive writing requirement.
2. Add requirement that BESE consider topics contained in requirements repealed by proposed law in rule promulgation authorized by proposed law.