The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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Proposed law provides for each city, parish, and other local public school boards to establish and maintain in every school such grade-appropriate programs of wellness related to mental health and substance abuse disorders, education, information, and counseling.

Proposed law provides for the state superintendent of education, with the approval of BESE, to develop, furnish to local school boards, and coordinate the implementation of the programs as required by proposed law. The programs must include, at a minimum, services that will increase students' mental health literacy and promote emotional and behavioral learning.

Proposed law provides for BESE to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of proposed law in accordance with Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law applies proposed law to all public schools, including charter schools.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:173.1 and 3996(B)(82))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Includes other local public school boards to establish and maintain wellness programs.