

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 363

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES: Requires in-service training for school nurses on caring for students with sickle cell disease

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82), relative to school nurses; to require local public
3 school boards to adopt policies requiring school nurses to participate in a training
4 program relative to sickle cell disease; to specify that the training include
5 information on caring for students with sickle cell disease at school; to require the
6 Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission to provide training materials to the state
7 Department of Education and to require the department to make it available to school
8 boards; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §436.5. Sickle cell disease; training for school nurses

12 A. Each local public school board shall adopt a policy to require that each
13 school nurse participates in an in-service training program of at least one hour
14 relative to sickle cell disease. The school boards shall use the instructional materials
15 provided in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. The training may be
16 incorporated into an existing in-service training program.

17 B. The program shall include information on symptoms of and treatments
18 for sickle cell disease in children and shall include, at minimum, the following:

19 (1) The medical needs students may have in a school setting related to the
20 physiological complications of the disease, including but not limited to anemia,

Proposed law requires that school nurses in public schools, including charter schools, participate in an in-service training program using instructional materials provided in accordance with proposed law on caring for students with sickle cell disease, including disease symptoms and treatment; medical needs of, and possible accommodations for, such students; and communication with parents and other school personnel in support of positive academic outcomes for these students. Requires the La. Sickle Cell Commission to provide the instructional materials to the state Dept. of Education and requires the dept. to provide the materials and information to school boards for proposed law purposes.

(Adds R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82))