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SENATE BILL NO. 126

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Provides for school mapping data of public school buildings and facilities.
(8/1/25)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.16.1, relative to school mapping data; to provide relative to delivery of school mapping data; to provide for definitions; to provide for school mapping data guidelines; to prohibit modification or updating of data without certain corresponding updates; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§416.16.1. School mapping data

A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education shall collaborate with each city, parish, and other local public school system to coordinate and provide school mapping data for every public school building and facility in the state.

(2) Upon preparing a school crisis management and response plan in accordance with R.S. 17:416.16 each city, parish, or other local public school system governing authority or a vendor, shall submit a copy of the most recent blueprints and school mapping data of each school building and facility in the school system, to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over any

1 portion of the school governing authority, each local and state public safety and
2 emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, and to
3 the school's office for use in response to emergencies.

4 (3) All aspects of the school mapping data shall be collected, produced,
5 and stored within the United States of America.

6 (4) For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the
7 following meanings:

8 (a) "First responders" means local, state, and federal law enforcement
9 agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

10 (b) "School mapping data" means information provided in an electronic
11 or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at
12 public schools.

13 **B. The school mapping data provided shall do all of the following:**

14 (1) Be compatible with software platforms used by local, parish, state,
15 and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the
16 specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such agencies
17 to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data.

18 (2) Be compatible with security software platforms in use by the specific
19 school for which the data is provided without requiring public safety agencies
20 or school districts to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or
21 access the data.

22 (3) Be available in a printable format.

23 (4) Be verified by the entity producing the data for accuracy by a
24 walk-through of school buildings and grounds.

25 (5) Be oriented true north.

26 (6) Be overlaid on current aerial imagery.

27 (7) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the structure of school
28 buildings including room labels, hallway names, and external door or stairwell
29 numbers and locations of hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes,

1 automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits.

2 (8) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the school grounds
3 including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring
4 properties.

5 (9) Be overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates.

6 C. School mapping data shall not be modified or updated independently
7 without corresponding updates to school mapping data within software
8 platforms used by local, parish, state, and federal public safety agencies that
9 provide emergency services to the specific school.

10 D. The provisions of this Section shall be subject to the appropriation of
11 funds by the legislature.

12 E. City, parish, and other local public school systems shall become
13 subject to the requirements of this Section according to the following schedule:

14 (1) All public school buildings and facilities that were constructed within
15 the last five years shall start collecting data beginning with the 2026-2027 school
16 year.

17 (2) All other public schools that have one thousand or more students
18 enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

19 (3) All other public schools that have six hundred to nine hundred
20 ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the
21 2028-2029 school year.

22 (4) All other public schools that have three hundred to five hundred
23 ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the
24 2029-2030 school year.

25 (5) All other public schools that have under two hundred ninety-nine
26 students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the 2030-2031 school
27 year.

28 F. The implementation of this Section shall be subject to the
29 appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

1 Section 2. This Act shall be known as the "Protect Our Children and Response Act".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Proposed law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Department of Education to collaborate with city, parish, and other local public school systems to coordinate and provide school mapping data to each local law enforcement agency, local and state public safety offices and the emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, and the school's office.

Proposed law requires all school mapping data be collected, produced, and stored within the United States of America.

Proposed law provides guidelines for school mapping data.

Proposed law prohibits modification or update of school mapping data without corresponding updates within the software platforms used by local, parish, state, and federal public safety agencies.

Proposed law provides that the school mapping data of each public school will be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Proposed law provides that the public school systems will be subject to the requirements of proposed law based off a schedule over a five year period.

Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Protect Our Children and Response Act".

Implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.16.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove language that states blueprints and school mapping data of public school buildings or facilities are not subject to the Public Records Law.
3. Establish a five year phase in schedule for implementing the provisions of proposed law.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Provide that implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.