

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to incidents of assault and battery on students and school employees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(aa) and (cc) and to enact R.S.  
3 17:47(C)(1)(a)(iv), 416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(ee), 500.1(C)(3), 1201(C)(3), and  
4 1206.1(A)(3), relative to the assault and battery of students and school employees;  
5 to provide for the sick leave of such employees; to provide for the applicability of  
6 student disciplinary provisions; to provide for student disciplinary procedures; to  
7 provide relative to student records; to provide for definitions; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Teacher's Shield Act".

11 Section 2. R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(aa) and (cc) are hereby amended and reenacted  
12 and R.S. 17:47(C)(1)(a)(iv), 416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(ee), 500.1(C)(3), 1201(C)(3) and  
13 1206.1(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §47. Sick and personal leave

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16 C.(1)(a)

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18 (iv) Such sick leave may be used for purposes that include but are not limited  
19 to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.

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1 §416. Discipline of students; suspension; expulsion

2 A.(1)

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4 (c)

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6 (vii)(aa) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever a  
7 student is formally accused of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:34.3 or school  
8 disciplinary rules, or both, by committing a battery on any student or school  
9 employee either on or off of school property or is formally accused of violating the  
10 provisions of R.S. 14:38.2 or school disciplinary rules, or both, by committing an  
11 assault on any student or school employee either on or off of school property, the  
12 principal shall suspend the student from school immediately and the student shall be  
13 removed immediately from the school premises or prohibited from returning to the  
14 school premises, as applicable, without the benefit of the out-of-school suspension  
15 procedures provided by this Section; however, the necessary notifications and other  
16 procedures shall be implemented as soon as is practicable. For purposes of this Item,  
17 "school employee" means any person employed by the school and any substitute  
18 teacher, substitute bus operator, or school volunteer.

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20 (cc) ~~Except when the school system has no other school of suitable grade~~  
21 ~~level for the student to attend, no~~ No student found guilty by a court of competent  
22 jurisdiction of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:34.3 or 38.2, or both, or found  
23 guilty at a school system suspension hearing of committing a battery or assault, or  
24 both, on any student or on any school employee, or both, shall be assigned to attend  
25 or shall attend the school to which the student or school employee battered or  
26 assaulted by the student is assigned. The principal or his designee shall immediately  
27 recommend the student's expulsion, which shall be subject to the provisions of  
28 Subsection C of this Section except as provided in this Subitem. Any such expulsion  
29 shall be no less than two complete school semesters in duration, during which time





**Employee sick leave**

Present law allows up to a year of sick leave, without loss of pay or loss of accumulated leave, for teachers and other school employees if injured or disabled while acting in their official capacity as a result of assault or battery by any student or person; circumstances vary depending on whether the employee is employed by a state special school or a local public school board and is a teacher, a bus operator, or other school employee. Proposed law retains present law and specifies that such sick leave may be used for purposes including but not limited to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.

(Amends R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(aa) and (cc); Adds R.S. 17:47(C)(1)(a)(iv), 416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(ee), 500.1(C)(3), 1201(C)(3), and 1206.1(A)(3))

**Summary of Amendments Adopted by House**

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

1. Broaden the application of proposed law to incidents when the victim of the assault or battery is a student.