

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:406.8, relative to parental involvement in public schools; to authorize and
3 encourage public school governing authorities to create partnerships for the purpose
4 of increasing parental involvement in schools; to authorize public school governing
5 authorities to identify and encourage participation in parenting classes and to provide
6 recognition for participation in such classes; to authorize public school governing
7 authorities and the state Department of Education to identify available funding
8 sources to provide for such classes; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:406.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §406.8. Parental involvement; parenting classes; recognition for participation

12 A. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school
13 is authorized and encouraged to partner with individuals, community and faith-based
14 groups and organizations, and nonprofit and for-profit entities to design and
15 implement programs to increase parental involvement in children's education and
16 schools.

17 B. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school
18 may:

19 (1) Identify and encourage participation in parenting classes that are
20 designed to increase parental involvement, are provided at low or no cost to parents,
21 and that provide parents with information and skills related to improving student
22 performance, including but not limited to the following:

1 (a) How to be a positive role model for children and motivate them to do
2 well in school.

3 (b) How to maximize the benefits of parent-teacher conferences.

4 (c) The importance of sleep and good nutrition in school performance.

5 (d) How to help with homework assignments and to establish an
6 environment conducive to their completion.

7 (e) Techniques for students to improve study habits and classroom
8 performance.

9 (f) How to access and use any technology provided by the school or school
10 governing authority that furnishes information about school assignments, activities,
11 and events and about student attendance and performance.

12 (g) The importance of school attendance and the consequences of truancy.

13 (h) How to help students prepare for entrance into postsecondary education
14 or the workforce.

15 (i) Ways of becoming involved in a child's school, including volunteer
16 opportunities.

17 (2) Provide recognition in the following ways to schools and classes in
18 which a high percentage of parents participate in at least two parenting classes:

19 (a) Solicit donations from individuals, community and faith-based groups
20 and organizations, and nonprofit and for-profit entities to fund rewards such as
21 equipment, supplies, field trips, and other educational activities.

22 (b) Devise other ways of providing recognition to schools and classes as well
23 as to participating parents.

24 C.(1) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary
25 school shall encourage and provide opportunities for parents who participate in
26 parenting classes to encourage participation by other parents, including those whose
27 children are entering a school for the first time.

1 (2) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school
2 and the state Department of Education may identify available funding sources that
3 may be used to provide for such parenting classes.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____