

Existing law requires public school governing authorities to provide to students in grades seven through 12 enrolled in Health Education instruction relative to dating violence. Specifies that such instruction shall include but need not be limited to the definition of dating violence, dating violence warning signs, and characteristics of healthy relationships.

New law requires the governing authorities of public schools enrolling students in such grades to provide at the beginning of each school year instruction to school employees having contact with such students relative to the definition of dating violence, warning signs, and how to address dating violence, including counseling and notification of law enforcement, and information on dating violence to the parents of such students; to include in student codes of conduct such definition and warning signs and instructions for reporting or seeking help; and to collect data on the number of reported dating violence incidents and actions taken by school employees to assist victims.

New law requires each local superintendent to make a verbal report each spring at a meeting of the school governing authority that includes the compliance of each school with existing law and new law and aggregate data relative to and recommendations for reducing dating violence.

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(Adds R.S. 17:81(T)(3) and (4))