

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 97****2016 Regular Session****Smith**

CHILDREN/ABUSE: Requires that the state child protection toll-free hotline number be posted on the website of every public school

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Technical amendments only.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires public school governing authorities to provide age- and grade-appropriate classroom instruction relative to child assault awareness and prevention. Requires that instruction be integrated into an existing required course and limits instruction to what constitutes abuse or assault and how students may safely and confidentially report abuse or assault to a school official. Requires such governing authorities to adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of present law, which is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools. Proposed law adds requirement that such rules and regulations include a requirement that each public school post on its website the number for the child protection toll-free hotline operated by the Dept. of Children and Family Services to receive reports of child abuse and neglect.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(Y) and 3996(B)(35))