

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 106

BY SENATOR BISHOP

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

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requires public postsecondary institutions to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3351(L), relative to postsecondary education; to provide relative to the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students; to require each public postsecondary institution to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students; to provide for components of the plan; to provide for reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education management boards

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L. Each public postsecondary management board, in conjunction with the commissioner of higher education and the president of each public university and community college system, or his designee, shall adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies

1 among unmarried students.

2 (1) Such plan shall:

3 (a) Incorporate unplanned pregnancy prevention information into
4 student success courses and student orientation.

5 (b) As deemed appropriate, incorporate information into academic
6 courses that is recognized as medically accurate by the American Congress of
7 Obstetricians and Gynecologists regarding the prevention of unplanned
8 pregnancy including, without limitation, abstinence education. However, in no
9 instance shall any information be disseminated regarding abortion methods,
10 techniques, or providers.

11 (c) Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide resources for
12 the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population.

13 (d) Identify opportunities for postsecondary students to serve as mentors
14 or role models of successful behaviors and healthy choices for high school
15 students.

16 (e) Identify public and private grants available to address the prevention
17 of unplanned pregnancy and to promote student success, including any
18 partnerships necessary to successfully compete for grants.

19 (f) Collaborate with community health care providers and federally
20 qualified health centers to promote access to care.

21 (g) Identify challenges faced by students who are single parents,
22 including child care, transportation, and financial aid, and identify possible
23 methods to assist such students to successfully complete college.

24 (h) Identify other topics or issues related to the prevention and reduction
25 of unplanned pregnancies among postsecondary students.

26 (i) In no instance shall any student be directed to information or services
27 provided by Planned Parenthood or any abortion provider.

28 (2) Each public postsecondary institution shall submit the required
29 action plan to its management board not later than December 1, 2017, and shall

1 submit a status report on the plan to its management board not later than
 2 December first of each year.

3 (3) Each public postsecondary management board shall submit a report
 4 regarding implementation of the plans developed pursuant to this Section,
 5 including any recommendations for legislative action, to the Senate Committee
 6 on Education, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on
 7 Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on Health and Welfare not later
 8 than February first of each year.

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

SB 106 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires each public postsecondary management board, in conjunction with the commissioner of higher education and the president of each public university and community college system, or his designee, shall adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried students.

Proposed law provides that the plan shall:

- (1) Incorporate unplanned pregnancy prevention information into student success courses and student orientation.
- (2) As deemed appropriate, incorporate information into academic courses that is recognized as medically accurate by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists including, without limitation, information on abstinence. However, in no instance shall information be disseminated regarding abortion methods, techniques, or providers.
- (3) Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide resources for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies to the entire student body.
- (4) Identify opportunities for postsecondary students to serve as mentors or role models of successful behaviors and healthy choices for high school students.
- (5) Identify public and private grants to help address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and promote student success.

- (6) Collaborate with community health care providers and federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.
- (7) Identify challenges faced by students who are single parents and possible methods to assist such students to complete college.
- (8) Identify other topics or issues related to the prevention and reduction of unplanned pregnancies among postsecondary students.
- (9) Provides that in no instance shall any student be directed to information or services provided by Planned Parenthood or any abortion provider.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary institution to submit the required action plan to the appropriate management board by December 1, 2017, and to provide a status report by December first of each year.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary management board to submit a report, including any recommendations for legislative action, to the Senate and House committees on education and the Senate and House committees on health and welfare by February first of each year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires the plans to be developed in conjunction with the commissioner of higher education and the president of each university system, or his designee.
2. Prohibits dissemination of information regarding abortion methods, techniques or providers.
3. Provides that a student shall not be directed to information or services provided by Planned Parenthood or any abortion provider.