

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 address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as a part of freshmen orientation. (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 address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as part of freshman orientation; to provide for related discretionary actions and activities; 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.(1) 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 address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried students as part of an

1 institution's freshman orientation activities.

2 (2)(a) As part of freshman orientation, each institution shall, as deemed
3 appropriate, provide information to students that is recognized as medically
4 accurate by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
5 regarding the prevention of unplanned pregnancy including, without limitation,
6 abstinence education.

7 (b) In no instance shall any information be disseminated regarding
8 abortion methods, techniques, or providers, nor shall any student be directed
9 to information or services provided by Planned Parenthood or any abortion
10 provider.

11 (3) At its discretion, a public postsecondary institution may also:

12 (a) Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide information
13 for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student
14 population.

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

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

21 (d) Collaborate with community healthcare providers and federally
22 qualified health centers to promote access to care.

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

26 (f) Identify other topics or issues related to the prevention and reduction
27 of unplanned pregnancies among postsecondary students.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

SB 106 Reengrossed

DIGEST
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Bishop

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, to adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried students as part of an institution's freshman orientation activities.

Proposed law provides that as a part of freshman orientation, each institution shall, as deemed appropriate, provide information to students that is recognized as medically accurate by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists regarding the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, including, without limitation, abstinence education. However, in no instance shall information be disseminated regarding abortion methods, techniques, or providers nor shall any student be directed to information or services provided by Planned Parenthood or any abortion provider.

Proposed law provides that a public postsecondary institution, at its discretion, may:

- (1) Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide information for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population.
- (2) Identify opportunities for postsecondary students to serve as mentors for high school students.
- (3) Identify public and private grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies and to promote student success.
- (4) Collaborate with community and federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.
- (5) Identify challenges faced by students who are single parents and identify possible methods to assist the students to successfully complete college.
- (6) Identify other topics or issues related to the prevention and reduction of unplanned pregnancies among postsecondary students.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee 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.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Removes references and requirements for the adoption, submission, and reporting of action plans to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried students by each public postsecondary management board, in conjunction with the commissioner of higher education and the president of each public university and community college system.
2. Provides that each institution, as deemed appropriate, shall provide information regarding the prevention of unplanned pregnancy as a part of freshman orientation.
3. Provides that a public postsecondary institution may, at its discretion:
 - (a) Identify opportunities to raise awareness of and provide information for the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population.
 - (b) Identify opportunities for postsecondary students to serve as mentors for high school students.
 - (c) Identify public and private grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies and to promote student success.
 - (d) Collaborate with community and federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.
 - (e) Identify challenges faced by single parent students and identify possible methods to assist the students to successfully complete college.
 - (f) Identify other topics or issues related to the prevention and reduction of unplanned pregnancies among postsecondary students.