

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 321 (SB 106)

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New 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.

New 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.

New 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 (June 22, 2017).

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