

ACT No. 266

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL, AMEDEE, ARMES, BILLIOT, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, DAVIS, FALCONER, GISCLAIR, GUINN, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, LEBAS, LYONS, MAGEE, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, NORTON, PIERRE, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, STAGNI, THIBAUT, THOMAS, AND ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:223(A), 416.1(B), and 3996(B)(2), relative to student
3 discipline; to prohibit the use of corporal punishment in public elementary and
4 secondary schools for students with exceptionalities, except gifted and talented
5 students; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:223(A), 416.1(B), and 3996(B)(2) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §223. Discipline of pupils; suspension from school; ~~corporal punishment~~

10 A. Every teacher is authorized to hold every pupil to a strict accountability
11 for any disorderly conduct in school or on the playground of the school, or on any
12 school bus going to or returning from school, or during intermission or recess. ~~Each~~
13 ~~parish and city school board shall have discretion in the use of corporal punishment.~~
14 ~~In those cases in which a parish or city school board decides to use corporal~~
15 ~~punishment, each parish or city school board shall adopt such rules and regulations~~
16 ~~as it deems necessary to implement and control any form of corporal punishment in~~
17 ~~the schools in its district.~~

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19 §416.1. Discipline of pupils; additional disciplinary authority

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1 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
2 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
3 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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5 (2) Corporal punishment, R.S. 17:416.1(B), and suspension of students, R.S.
6 17:223.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____