
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the state Dept. of Education and the Dept. of Health to survey students anonymously about risk behavior associated with chronic health conditions.

Present law authorizes public schools to offer instruction in "sex education" if such instruction is integrated into an existing course of study such as biology, science, physical hygiene, or physical education. Prohibits testing, quizzing, or surveying students about their personal beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law by authorizing the state Dept. of Education and the La. Dept. of Health to anonymously survey students about their risk behavior associated with chronic health conditions, including those related to sexual health. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:281(A)(2))