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HOUSE BILL NO. 575

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CURRICULA: Relative to safety, provides for instruction in public schools and public postsecondary education institutions, provides for reporting online content to school and campus security officers and local law enforcement agencies

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:280.1 and 3399.16, relative to instruction in school safety in public schools
3 and public postsecondary education institutions; to require school and campus
4 security officers to provide instruction to students regarding potential threats to
5 public safety exhibited through online content; to provide for elements to be included
6 in such instruction; to provide a process for students to report online content deemed
7 potentially dangerous; to provide for confidentiality of personal information about
8 students who report such matters; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. This Act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Louisiana We Must
11 Save Our Children Act".

12 Section 2. R.S. 17:280.1 and 3399.16 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §280.1. Safety education; recognition and reporting of potential threats to safety

14 A. The school security officers of each public school, in consultation with
15 local law enforcement agencies, shall administer age and grade appropriate
16 classroom instruction to each student age fourteen or older regarding internet and
17 cell phone safety and online content that is a potential threat to school safety. Such
18 instruction shall include information on recognizing and reporting potential threats

1 to school safety that are posted on the internet, including but not limited to posts on
2 social media.

3 B. At a minimum, the instruction shall include the following:

4 (1) Instruction on the ability to detect potential threats to school safety
5 exhibited through posts online, in particular on any social media platform.

6 (2) Visual examples of possible threats on slides.

7 (3) Instruction on the reporting process, as provided in Subsection C of this
8 Section.

9 C. The process for students to report online content deemed potentially
10 dangerous based on the instruction received pursuant to Subsection B of this Section
11 is as follows. Forms shall be available in the main office of every public school. A
12 student reporting online content pursuant to this Subsection shall complete the form
13 and shall provide the following information:

14 (1) Name.

15 (2) School of attendance.

16 (3) Contact information including but not limited to a phone number.

17 (4) Information about the incident being reported including but not limited
18 to:

19 (a) Name of student, individual, or group who posted potentially dangerous
20 content.

21 (b) Date and time of post.

22 (c) Social media outlet or website on which content was posted.

23 (d) Type of threat the content could pose for school safety.

24 (5) A student reporting such activity shall submit photographic evidence of
25 the online content. Such evidence may include any of the following:

26 (a) A printed screenshot of the post and presenting hard copy.

27 (b) Evidence of the post on a cell phone, tablet, or laptop computer.

28 (3) A student under the age of fourteen may report online content that he
29 suspects is potentially dangerous.

1 (4) Personal information about the students who report such matters shall be
2 kept confidential.

3 D. If information presented to a school security officer on a form submitted
4 pursuant to Subsection C of this Section is deemed a potential threat to school safety,
5 the school security officer shall present the form and evidence to local law
6 enforcement agencies.

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8 §3399.16. Safety education; recognition and reporting of potential threats to safety

9 A. The campus security officers of each institution, in consultation with local
10 law enforcement agencies, shall provide instruction to students on the campus
11 regarding internet and cell phone safety and online content that is a potential threat
12 to school safety. Such instruction shall include information on recognizing and
13 reporting potential threats to school safety that are posted on the internet including
14 but not limited to posts on social media. At a minimum, the instruction shall include
15 the following:

16 (1) Instruction on the ability to detect potential threats to school safety and
17 public safety exhibited through posts online, in particular on any social media
18 platform.

19 (2) Visual examples of possible threats on slides.

20 (3) Instruction on the reporting process, as provided in Subsection B of this
21 Section.

22 B. The process for students to report online content deemed potentially
23 dangerous based on the instruction received pursuant to Subsection A of this Section
24 is as follows. Forms shall be available in the campus security office of every public
25 postsecondary education institution. A student reporting online content pursuant to
26 this Subsection shall complete the form and shall provide the following information:

27 (1) Name.

28 (2) School of attendance.

29 (3) Contact information including but not limited to a phone number.

- 1 (4) Information about the incident being reported including but not limited
 2 to:
- 3 (a) Name of student, individual, or group who posted potentially dangerous
 4 content.
- 5 (b) Date and time of post.
- 6 (c) Social media outlet or website on which content was posted.
- 7 (d) Type of threat the content could pose for school safety or public safety.
- 8 (5) A student reporting such activity shall submit photographic evidence of
 9 the online content. Such evidence may include any of the following:
- 10 (a) A printed screenshot of the post and presenting hard copy.
- 11 (b) Evidence of the post on a cell phone, tablet, or laptop computer.
- 12 C. If information presented to a campus security officer on a form submitted
 13 pursuant to Subsection B of this Section is deemed a potential threat to school safety
 14 or public safety, the campus security officer shall present the form and evidence to
 15 local law enforcement agencies.
- 16 D. Each institution shall adopt a policy for implementation for this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to guidelines, teaching materials, and instruction in public schools and public postsecondary education institutions on internet and social media related to potential threats to school safety and public safety and reporting of such threats.

Proposed law requires public schools and public postsecondary education institutions to offer instruction on recognizing and reporting potential threats to school safety that are posted on the internet, including but not limited to posts on social media. School and campus security officers, in consultation with local law enforcement agencies, shall develop age and grade appropriate curriculum for students age fourteen and older.

Proposed law requires school and campus security officers to address the following, at a minimum, during instruction:

- (1) The ability to detect potential threats to school safety in posts online, in particular on any social media platform, using slides as visual aids to instruct students is a requirement.

- (2) The reporting system at school or on campus. Students of all ages will have access to forms in public school main offices and public postsecondary education institution campus security offices for reporting potentially dangerous online content.
- (3) The requirement of students to show proof of such content.

Proposed law requires school and campus security officers to further report online content to local law enforcement agencies, when it is deemed potentially dangerous.

(Adds R.S. 17:280.1 and 3399.16)