

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3399.17 and to repeal R.S. 17:3351(H), relative to surveys about sexual  
3 assault on campuses of public postsecondary education institutions; to provide  
4 relative to the required anonymous sexual assault climate surveys; to provide for  
5 procedures; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.17 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3399.17. Public postsecondary education institutions; sexual assault surveys

9 A.(1) Each public postsecondary education institution shall administer an  
10 anonymous sexual assault climate survey to its students once every three years. If an  
11 institution administers other surveys with regard to campus safety, the sexual assault  
12 survey may be included as a separate component of any such survey provided that  
13 the sexual assault component is clearly identified as such.

14 (2) Participation in the sexual assault climate survey shall be voluntary; no  
15 student shall be required or coerced to participate in the survey nor shall any student  
16 face retribution or negative consequence of any kind for declining to participate.

17 B. The Board of Regents shall:

18 (1) Develop the survey in consultation with the public postsecondary  
19 education management boards and in accordance with national best practices.

20 (2) Work with the management boards in researching and selecting the best  
21 method of developing and administering the survey.

1                   (3) Submit a written report on survey results to the House Committee on  
 2                   Education, Senate Committee on Education, and the governor not later than  
 3                   September first following administration of the survey. The report shall summarize  
 4                   results from each public postsecondary education institution and the state as a whole.

5                   (4) Publish the survey results on the board's website and in any other location  
 6                   or venue the board deems necessary or appropriate.

7                   C. Each public postsecondary institution shall:

8                   (1) Administer a survey during the 2022-2023 academic year and every third  
 9                   year thereafter.

10                  (2) Report survey results to the Board of Regents.

11                  Section 2. R.S. 17:3351(H) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

12                  Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 13                  signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 14                  by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 15                  vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 16                  effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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