

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND EDMONSTON

PUBLIC HEALTH/OFFICE: Requires regular reporting of the number of school-age children known to have an infectious disease during a public health emergency relating to the disease (Item #28)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VI-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised
3 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1272.1 and 1272.2, relative to duties of
4 the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health; to establish
5 requirements for reporting of certain public health data during a state of public health
6 emergency; to require the office of public health to report data on infectious disease
7 incidence among school-age children under certain circumstances; to specify the
8 recipients and schedule of such reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide
9 for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. Part VI-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana
12 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1272.1 and 1272.2, is hereby enacted to read
13 as follows:

14 PART VI-A. REPORTING OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE DATA

15 IN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

16 §1272.1. Definitions

17 For purposes of this Part, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to
18 them in this Section:

19 (1) "Office of public health" means the office of public health of the
20 Louisiana Department of Health.

1 (2) "School-age children" means all children who are at least five years of
2 age and have not attained the age of eighteen years.

3 §1272.2. Infectious disease incidence among school-age children; public health
4 emergencies; reporting of data

5 A. During the pendency of any state of public health emergency declared in
6 accordance with R.S. 29:766 and relating to one or more infectious diseases, the
7 office of public health shall transmit to all of the following recipients, on a weekly
8 basis, a report which provides the total number of school-age children in this state
9 known to have been infected with each disease addressed by the public health
10 emergency declaration:

11 (1) The state superintendent of education.

12 (2) Each elected member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary
13 Education.

14 (3) Each elected member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

15 B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall publish on its primary publicly
16 available website each report required by the provisions of Subsection A of this
17 Section.

18 Section 2. If a state of public health emergency declared in accordance with R.S.
19 29:766 is in effect on the effective date of this Act, then the office of public health of the
20 Louisiana Department of Health shall issue the first report required by R.S. 40:1272.2, as
21 enacted by Section 1 of this Act, not later than the seventh day after the effective date of this
22 Act.

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

DIGEST

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HB 52 Reengrossed

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Edmonds

Abstract: Requires that during any public health emergency relating to an infectious disease, the office of public health shall regularly report the number of school-age children known to have the disease.

Proposed law requires that during any state of public health emergency declared in accordance with present law and relating to one or more infectious diseases, the office of public health of the La. Department of Health shall transmit to all of the following recipients, on a weekly basis, a report which provides the total number of school-age children in this state known to have been infected with each disease addressed by the public health emergency declaration:

- (1) The state superintendent of education.
- (2) Each elected member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- (3) Each elected member of the legislature.

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health to publish on its website the reports required by proposed law.

Proposed law defines "school-age children" as all children who are at least five years of age and have not attained the age of eighteen years.

Proposed law stipulates that if a state of public health emergency is in effect on the effective date of proposed law, then the office of public health shall issue the first report required by proposed law not later than the seventh day after the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1272.1 and 1272.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the definition of "school-age children" to "all children who are at least five years of age and have not attained the age of eighteen years".
2. Require the La. Department of Health to publish on its primary publicly available website each report required by proposed law.