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HOUSE BILL NO. 454

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CURRICULA: Requires instruction relative to conflict resolution and character development in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67), relative to curricula; to require instruction on
3 conflict resolution and character development in public schools; to provide for the
4 content of the instruction and the time to be spent on the instruction; to require the
5 state Department of Education to maintain a clearinghouse of best practices relative
6 to the instruction; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §271.1. Conflict resolution and character development; required instruction

10 A. Each public school governing authority shall provide age- and grade-
11 appropriate instruction on conflict resolution and character development, which may
12 be integrated into an existing course of study and which shall include, at a minimum,
13 instruction on the nature and importance of the following:

14 (1) Possessing the conflict resolution skills necessary to live peaceably in
15 society and not resort to violence to settle disputes.

16 (2) Respecting authority, including teachers and law enforcement officials.

17 (3) Respecting the property of others.

18 (4) Doing one's best.

19 (5) Being honest.

20 (6) Taking responsibility for obligations to family and community.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires instruction on conflict resolution and character development in public schools.

Proposed law requires public school governing authorities to provide age- and grade-appropriate instruction on conflict resolution and character development. Authorizes its integration into an existing course of study and provides the minimum components of the instruction. Relative to the time spent on the instruction, requires at least 30 minutes per week in grades pre-K through five, at least 45 minutes per week in grades six through eight, and at least one hour per week in grades nine through 12. Applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

Proposed law further requires the state Dept. of Education to develop and maintain a clearinghouse of information relative to best practices for providing such instruction.

(Adds R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67))