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HOUSE BILL NO. 548

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EDUCATION: Requires the state Department of Education to develop and distribute health and safety guidelines relative to best practices for the use of digital devices in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3921.4, relative to digital devices in public schools; to require the state  
3 Department of Education to develop health and safety guidelines for the use of  
4 digital devices in public schools; to require collaboration with the Louisiana  
5 Department of Health and professional medical societies in developing the  
6 guidelines; to provide for the content of the guidelines; to require the state  
7 Department of Education to distribute the guidelines to public school governing  
8 authorities; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3921.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3921.4. Digital devices in public schools; health and safety guidelines

12 A. The state Department of Education, in collaboration with the Louisiana  
13 Department of Health and professional medical societies, shall develop health and  
14 safety guidelines relative to best practices for the effective integration of digital  
15 devices in public schools. The state Department of Education shall distribute the  
16 guidelines to public school governing authorities for implementation.

17 B. The guidelines shall be based on peer-reviewed, independently funded  
18 studies and shall address, at a minimum, digital device use for different age ranges  
19 and developmental levels, the amount of time spent on digital devices in the

1        classroom, appropriate break frequency from the use of digital devices, the physical  
2        positioning of digital devices in the classroom, the use of digital devices for  
3        homework, and the training of teachers relative to these issues.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for health and safety guidelines relative to the use of digital devices in public schools.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE), in collaboration with the La. Dept. of Health and medical professional societies, to develop health and safety guidelines relative to best practices for the effective integration of digital devices in public schools. Requires DOE to distribute the guidelines to public school governing authorities for implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:3921.4)