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Abstract: Prohibits intentional discrimination in education and employment with respect to natural hairstyles.

<u>Present law</u> provides that no person shall be refused admission into or be excluded from any public school in the state of La. based on race, creed, color, disability as defined in <u>present law</u>, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally prohibits discrimination in any form based on race, creed, color, disability as defined in <u>present law</u>, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that "race" shall include traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to hair texture and protective hairstyles.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it shall be unlawful discrimination for an employer to engage in certain practices based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that for the purpose of <u>proposed law</u>, "race" shall include traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to hair texture and protective hairstyles.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that "protective hairstyles" include but are not limited to natural hairstyles, such as braids, locs, and twists.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana CROWN Act".

(Amends R.S. 17:111(A); Adds R.S. 23:332(I))