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HB 495 Engrossed 2022 Regular Session Schlegel

Abstract: Requires public school students in grades six through 12 to receive training on suicide prevention and student safety and violence and social isolation prevention.

Proposed law requires that public school students in grades six through 12 receive training on the following topics:

(1) Suicide prevention.

(2) Student safety and violence and social isolation prevention.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority with jurisdiction over a school with students in grades six through 12 to offer student-led clubs focused on the two topics listed above.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education to maintain a list of evidence-based training on the two topics listed above and review such list at least triennially.

Provides such training shall each be:

(1) Evidence-based.

(2) The duration of one standard class period or one hour.

Proposed law allows parents to request that their children be excused from the training.

(Amends R.S. 17:282.4(C)(1)(intro. para.) and (c) and 286(A); Adds R.S. 17:282.4(G) and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Change subject of training from student safety, violence prevention, and social inclusion to student safety and violence and social isolation prevention.