## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Expands the topics required to be included in adoption awareness instruction in high school.

<u>Present law</u> requires instruction on adoption awareness for high school students. Defines "adoption awareness" as specific instruction on the benefits of adoption for families wishing to add a child, for potential adoptees, and for persons who are pregnant or who have a child for whom they are unable to care.

<u>Proposed law</u> additionally requires adoption awareness instruction to include:

- (1) The benefits of adoption to society.
- (2) The types of adoption available.
- (3) The difference between foster care and infant adoption.
- (4) The reasons adoption is preferable to abortion.
- (5) Public and private resources and agencies available to assist in the adoption process.
- (6) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, and childbirth.
- (7) Public and private resources available for pregnant mothers and parents.

(Adds R.S. 17:263(C))