



receives a firsthand report of bullying from a student and who fails to report such incident to the appropriate school administrator. Further provides failure to report is a crime and that the district attorney shall determine whether to prosecute the crime as a misdemeanor or a felony based on the severity of bullying experienced by the victim, and provides that anyone found guilty of a crime of failure to report, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars.

Proposed law requires BESE to investigate any report of a school administrator or official who has failed to notify a parent or legal guardian of a report of bullying, timely investigate a report of bullying, take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against a student that was determined to have engaged in bullying, or report criminal conduct to the appropriate law enforcement official. Further provides failure to report is a crime and that the district attorney shall determine whether to prosecute the crime as a misdemeanor or a felony based on the severity of bullying experienced by the victim, and provides that anyone found guilty of a crime of failure to report, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(ii) (intro para) and (c)(ii)(dd), (2)(a), and (A)(4) (intro para), (b), and (c), 416.13, 416.20(A), and 3996(B)(32); adds R.S. 17:416.14)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Requires BESE to develop rules to ensure that approved nonpublic schools implement policies prohibiting bullying.
2. Provides relative to the crime of failure to report bullying.