

GREEN SHEET READIEST

HB 921

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McFarland

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed education.

DIGEST

Adverse childhood experience family outreach

Present law defines "adverse childhood experiences" and "trauma-informed education" in the context of school employees and best practices for schools and classrooms. Proposed law changes term "trauma-informed education" to "adverse childhood experience education" and adds "adverse childhood education family outreach" to the definitions. Further requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to report by January 31, 2023 relative to efforts to integrate such concepts and practices into schools.

Pilot programs

Proposed law requires DOE to create and implement pilot programs integrating adverse childhood experience education and adverse childhood experience family outreach into early childhood education. Further requires DOE to annually report relative to the implementation of the programs.

(Amends R.S. 17:437.2(A)(2), (B), (C)(3), and (D); Adds R.S. 17:407.22.1 and 437.2(A)(3) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Delete requirements relative to monies from the La. Early Childhood Education Fund being used for proposed law purposes.
2. Remove references to "trauma-informed" education from present law and proposed law. Change all references to "trauma-informed" education and outreach to "adverse childhood experience" education and outreach.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Clarifies program is continuously required.
2. Changes reporting requirements from annual to once.
3. Includes family outreach requirements in early childhood education.
4. Changes terminology from care giver to legal guardian.