

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a youth suicide prevention plan for public elementary and secondary schools. Pursuant to the plan, existing law provides relative to youth suicide prevention programs created by local school governing authorities. Provides that such programs may include classroom instruction in topics related to suicide prevention.

New 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.

New law provides as follows with respect to such training:

- (1) Requires that students receive one standard class period or one hour, whichever is shorter, in each topic each year.
- (2) Authorizes a parent to request that his child be excused from the training.
- (3) Requires the state Dept. of Education to maintain a list of such training on its website and review the list at least triennially.

New law requires each public school governing authority to permit the creation of student-led clubs focused on suicide prevention, student safety, and violence and social isolation prevention at schools with students in grades six through 12 .

Effective July 1, 2023.

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