

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

STUDENTS: Authorizes surveys of certain public school students in Orleans Parish regarding sex

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:281(H), relative to instruction in sex education; to authorize
3 the Orleans Parish School Board to survey its students about sex; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:281(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §281. Instruction in sex education

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12 H. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Orleans Parish School
13 Board may:

14 (1) ~~offer~~ Offer instruction in sex education at the third grade level or higher.

15 (2) Conduct or authorize surveys of students in grade three and above about
16 their personal knowledge and practices relative to sex.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes surveys of certain Orleans Parish public school students about sex.

Present law authorizes any public elementary or secondary school to offer instruction in sex education in grades seven and above, provided such instruction and subject matter is integrated into an existing course of study.

Present law provides an exception for Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) to offer such instruction to students in grades three and above.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits students from being tested, quizzed, or surveyed about their personal or family beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law to authorize OPSB to conduct or authorize surveys of students about their personal knowledge and practices related to sex.

(Amends R.S. 17:281(H))