

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 466

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON AND AMEDEE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CURRICULA: Provides relative to discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:412, relative to public school teachers and personnel; to provide relative  
3 to discussion of sexual orientation or gender identity with students; to provide  
4 relative to pronouns used when referring to students; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:412 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §412. Sexual orientation, gender identity; prohibited instruction, discussion;  
9 pronouns

10 A.(1) No teacher, school employee, or other presenter at a school shall  
11 engage in the following with students in grades kindergarten through twelve:

12 (a) Covering the topics of sexual orientation or gender identity in any  
13 classroom discussion or instruction in a manner that deviates from state content  
14 standards or curricula developed or approved by public school governing authorities.

15 (b) Covering the topics of sexual orientation or gender identity during any  
16 extracurricular academic, athletic, or social activity under the jurisdiction of the  
17 school or public school governing authority.

18 (c) Discussing his own sexual orientation or gender identity.

1           (2) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to mean a student may not  
2           seek out guidance from a licensed mental health professional outside classroom  
3           hours with prior parental consent.

4           B.(1) No school employee shall use pronouns for a student that differs from  
5           the pronouns that reflect the sex indicated on the student's birth certificate unless the  
6           student's parent provides written permission.

7           (2) No school employee shall be required to use pronouns for any person that  
8           differ from the pronouns that reflect the sex indicated on the person's birth certificate  
9           if doing so is contrary to the employee's religious or moral convictions.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to instruction on and discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity with certain public school students.

Proposed law prohibits a public school teacher, employee, or other presenter at a school from doing any of the following in grades kindergarten through 12:

- (1) Incorporating into classroom instruction or discussion topics of sexual orientation or gender identity in a manner that deviates from state content standards or curricula developed or approved by the public school governing authority.
- (2) Covering the topics of sexual orientation or gender identity during any extracurricular activity.
- (3) Discussing his personal sexual orientation or gender identity.

Proposed law provides that no public school employee shall:

- (1) Use a pronoun for a student that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's sex unless the student's parent provides written permission.
- (2) Be required to use a pronoun for any person that differs from the pronoun that aligns with that person's sex if doing so is contrary to the employee's religious or moral convictions.

(Adds R.S. 17:412)