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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Marcelle to Engrossed House Bill No. 353 by Representative Marcelle

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "282.4(C)(1)(d) and (F)," delete "R.S. 17:271.1(B)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:226(A)(1), 271.1(B)(2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "health;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to exemptions from compulsory attendance requirements for behavioral and mental health reasons;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "Section 1." and before "282.4(C)(1)(d) and (F)," delete "R.S. 17:271.1(B)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:226(A)(1), 271.1(B)(2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"§226. Exemptions from compulsory attendance

A. The following classes of children provided for in this Section shall be exempted from the provisions of this Subpart:

(1)(a) Children mentally, physically, or emotionally incapacitated to perform school duties, and children unable to profit from further school experience, such exemptions to be certified in writing by a psychiatrist, psychologist, recognized evaluation center or clinic, or other professionally qualified person or agency designated by the city, parish, or other local public school board.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, a student may be absent for up to three days in any school year related to the student's mental or behavioral health, and such absences shall be excused if certification is provided in writing by the student's parent or doctor. The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any school work missed during such absences. Following the second day of absence in any school year, the student shall be referred to the appropriate school support personnel for help addressing the underlying issue, which may include referral to medical services outside of the school setting.

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