

ACT No. 180

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

BY REPRESENTATIVES IVEY, ADAMS, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, COX, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GLOVER, MCKNIGHT, SCHEXNAYDER, STAGNI, THOMAS, THOMPSON, AND WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:280.2 and 3996(B)(75), relative to school curricula; to require public
3 schools to incorporate organ donation instruction into existing curricula; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Aliye's Law".

7 Section 2. The legislature finds and declares the following:

8 (1) Many people lack knowledge about organ, eye, and tissue donation. Due to the
9 significant lifesaving impact that increased awareness and participation in Louisiana's organ
10 donation program can have in our state, there is a growing need to educate potential donors
11 to ensure they have the information needed to make informed decisions. Donated organs,
12 including the heart, pancreas, kidney, liver, lungs, and intestines, restore life.

13 (2) Nearly two thousand people are waiting on an organ transplant in the state of
14 Louisiana.

15 (3) One organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can enhance the
16 lives of more than seventy-five people.

17 (4) A cornea donor can restore sight to two people.

18 (5) When obtaining a driver's license, people can choose to register as an organ
19 donor.

20 (6) People of all ages and medical histories are potential donors.

21 Section 3. R.S. 17:280.2 and 3996(B)(75) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

22 §280.2. Organ donation; required instruction

23 A. Each public high school shall provide instruction relative to organ
24 donation to its students. Such instruction shall be integrated into the curriculum of

1 an existing required course such as health education or another required course
2 deemed appropriate by the public school governing authority.

3 B. In order to satisfy the requirements of this Section, each public school
4 governing authority shall use free resources from a Louisiana organ procurement
5 organization or other free resources that are available from similar authoritative
6 sources.

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8 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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10 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
11 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
12 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
13 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
14 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
15 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
16 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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18 (75) Organ donation instruction, R.S. 17:280.2.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____