

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for each school to have a school crisis management and response plan. Requires an annual safety drill at the beginning of each school year and provides for items to be addressed in each plan.

New law provides additional definitions, requires at least one additional safety drill to be conducted during high traffic or transition points during the school day, and provides additional items to be included in the plan. Further, requires a district threat assessment team to be created and provides for the team to have input into the creation and revision of the plan.

New law provides for bleeding control kits to be placed in easily accessible locations within each school and for the principal to designate employees to be trained on the use of bleeding control kits and traumatic injury response. Further provides immunity from criminal and civil liability for the administration of aid to a traumatic injury, unless personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the administration of aid.

New law provides that the placement of the bleeding control kits in each school and the proper training of employees to use the bleeding control kits shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Existing law provides for each public school principal to provide in-service training relative to the crisis management and response plan.

New law requires the in-service training to include an active shooter scenario and to be reported to the local superintendent and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).

Existing law requires a copy of the plan to be provided to certain agencies.

New law retains existing law and requires a copy of the plan to be provided to the LDOE and the Center for Safe Schools.

New law requires LDOE to review national awareness campaigns relative to response to traumatic injuries and use of a bleeding control kit and develop and offer annual training, or provide updated links to training, on response to traumatic injuries and use of a bleeding control kit.

New law provides for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop rules relative to bleeding control kits, including the minimum items required in a kit, the inspection and restocking of a kit, and how often designated employees shall be trained.

Existing law provides for the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Safety within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

New law adds members and duties to the commission.

New law establishes the Center for Safe Schools within GOHSEP, for which the commission shall provide oversight. Further provides that GOHSEP shall adopt regulations and rules for the commission and the center pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and provides oversight of those rules to legislative committees on education.

New law provides for the duties of the center and annual reporting requirements.

New law requires the center to develop, by December 1, 2023, a statewide panic emergency notification system and an anonymous reporting system. Further requires each public school board to implement the use of a panic emergency notification system and anonymous reporting system by April 1, 2024, and report the systems implemented to BESE and the Center by May 1, 2024.

New law provides the law shall be known as "The School Safety Act of 2023".

Effective June 13, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.16(A), (B), (C)(1), (D), (E), (F), (H), and (I) and R.S. 29:726.5; adds R.S. 17:416.16(G)(4) and (5) and R.S. 29:726.5.1)