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HOUSE BILL NO. 801

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SCHOOLS: Requires rather than authorizes public school boards to purchase metal detection devices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(J), relative to public schools; to require public school  
3 boards to purchase metal detection devices; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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8 J.(1) Each ~~city and parish~~ local public school board ~~may~~ shall purchase  
9 ~~appropriate~~ metal detection devices and shall provide training to school  
10 administrators consistent with that provided as required in Paragraph (3) of this  
11 Subsection ~~if metal detectors are going to be used in the system.~~

12 (2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop  
13 a plan for using metal detection devices for random weapon searches in elementary  
14 and secondary schools and shall submit it to the attorney general for approval. The  
15 attorney general shall periodically review the plan as changes in the law in relation  
16 to random searches occur.

17 (3) The board shall provide the approved plan to each ~~city and parish~~ local  
18 public school board and shall provide training on the use of metal detectors and other

1 techniques for weapon searches to system administrators that is consistent with the  
2 approved plan.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires rather than authorizes public school boards to purchase metal detection devices.

Present law authorizes public school boards to purchase metal detection devices and requires training for administrators if the devices are used. Proposed law requires rather than authorizes their purchase.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop a plan for using metal detection devices for random weapon searches in elementary and secondary schools and submit it to the attorney general for approval. Requires the attorney general to periodically review the plan. Requires BESE to provide the approved plan to school boards and provide training on the use of metal detectors and other techniques for weapon searches to system administrators consistent with the approved plan. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(J))