

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

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THOMPSON

EDUCATION: Repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements and authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt policies requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:6(A)(15), to enact R.S. 17:6(A)(16), and to repeal R.S.

3 17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 267, 271, 271.1, 275,

4 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1, 440.2, and

5 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73), and (76), relative

6 to required instruction for students and required training for teachers and other

7 school employees; to repeal certain specific instructional and training requirements;

8 to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate

9 rules providing for certain instructional and training requirements; to require the state

10 board to consider certain topics for inclusion in such requirements; and to provide

11 for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 17:6(A)(15) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:6(A)(16)

14 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §6. General powers of board

16 A. In the exercise of its supervision and control over the public elementary

17 and secondary schools and special schools under its jurisdiction, and in the exercise

18 of its budgetary responsibility for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for

1 public elementary and secondary schools and special schools placed under its
2 jurisdiction, the board shall have authority to:

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4 (15) Promulgate rules that require the inclusion of certain topics in student
5 instruction and in the training of teachers and other school employees.

6 (16) Perform such other functions as are necessary to the supervision and
7 control of those phases of education under its supervision and control.

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9 Section 2. R.S. 17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 267,
10 271, 271.1, 275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1,
11 440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73), and (76) are
12 hereby repealed in their entirety.

13 Section 3. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall consider
14 the topics contained in the provisions of law repealed by Section 2 of this Act for inclusion
15 in the requirements that it may provide for by rule as authorized by Section 1 of this Act.

16 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 320 Reengrossed

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Owen

Abstract: Repeals certain student instruction and teacher/employee training requirements and authorizes the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to promulgate rules requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training.

Present law requires student instruction on the following: adoption awareness, breast and cervical exams, CPR and automated external defibrillators, child assault, dating violence, eating disorders, internet and cell phone safety, litter, mental health, organ donation, parenthood, safe haven laws, shaken baby syndrome, substance abuse, and water safety.

Present law requires teacher/school employee training on the following: adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed education, classroom management, bullying, communicable disease and control, first aid, sudden cardiac arrest, and suicide prevention.

Proposed law repeals these requirements and authorizes BESE to promulgate rules that require the inclusion of certain topics in student instruction and in the training of teachers of other school employees. Requires BESE to consider the instruction/training topics repealed by proposed law in the promulgation of these rules.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:6(A)(15); Adds R.S. 17:6(A)(16); Repeals R.S. 17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 267, 271, 271.1, 275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1, 440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73), and (76))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Reinstate present law cursive writing requirement.
2. Add requirement that BESE consider topics contained in requirements repealed by proposed law in rule promulgation authorized by proposed law.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add emergency effective date.