

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 824

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CRIMINAL/PENALTIES: Provides relative to penalties for the unlawful disruption of the operation of a school

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:40.6(C), relative to the unlawful disruption of the operation  
3 of a school; to provide for penalties; to provide for participation in conflict resolution  
4 classes; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:40.6(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §40.6. Unlawful disruption of the operation of a school; penalties

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9 C.(1) Whoever commits the offense of unlawful disruption of the operation  
10 of a school shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned ~~with or~~  
11 ~~without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years~~ for not more  
12 than six months, or both.

13 (2) For a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined not more  
14 than one thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than  
15 one year nor more than five years, or both.

16 (3) In addition to any other penalty provided in this Section, whoever  
17 violates the provisions of this Section shall be required to participate in conflict  
18 resolution classes as provided in R.S. 17:416.15.

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DIGEST

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HB 824 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to penalties for the crime of unlawful disruption of the operation of a school.

Present law provides for the crime of unlawful disruption of the operation of a school.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for a penalty consisting of a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.

Proposed law restructures the penalties as follows:

- (1) For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.

Proposed law provides that in addition to any other penalty provided in present law, whoever violates the provisions of present law shall be required to participate in conflict resolution classes as provided in present law (R.S. 17:416.15).

(Amends R.S. 14:40.6(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Restructures the penalties as follows:
  - (a) For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
  - (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.