

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires certain postsecondary education students to complete an anti-hazing course

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1801.1(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 17:1801.1(B)(4), relative to  
3 acts of criminal hazing; to provide relative to requirements of certain students at  
4 postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1801.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 17:1801.1(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1801.1. Hazing education; policies; new student orientation; organizations

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10 B.

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12 (3) Beginning in the fall semester of 2025, each student who is a member of  
13 an organization as defined in R.S. 17:1801 shall complete a one-credit hour anti-  
14 hazing course within the first two semesters of his membership in such organization.

15 (4) If the student receiving the information required by Paragraphs (1) and  
16 (2) of this Subsection is a minor, the information shall also be provided to his parent  
17 or legal guardian.

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19 Section 2. This Act may be cited and shall be known as the "Caleb Wilson Act".

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires certain postsecondary education students to complete an anti-hazing course.

Present law (R.S. 17:1801.1), relative to hazing policies and education, requires that each new postsecondary student be provided a handbook on the dangers of and prohibition on hazing.

Present law further requires that certain organizations, as a condition of operating at a postsecondary education institution, provide annually a minimum of one hour of hazing prevention education to its current and prospective members.

Present law (R.S. 17:1801) defines "organization" as a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, service group, social group, band, spirit group, athletic team, or similar group whose members are primarily students at, or former students of, a postsecondary education institution in this state. Further includes the national or parent organization of which any of these underlying entities is a sanctioned or recognized member at the time of the hazing.

Proposed law requires a member of such an organization to complete a one-credit hour anti-hazing course within the first two semesters of his membership.

(Amends R.S. 17:1801.1(B)(3); Adds R.S. 17:1801.1(B)(4))