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HOUSE BILL NO. 344

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

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

STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides for the transfer of school disciplinary records and for school personnel's access to certain juvenile court records

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:112(B) and to enact R.S. 17:112.1, relative to student records;
3 to require that student records include full disciplinary records upon transfer from
4 one school to another; to provide for access by certain school personnel of certain
5 juvenile court records; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:112(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:112.1 is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §112. Student academic and disciplinary records; transfer; parental rights

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11 B. The principal shall include in the transferred records the student's full
12 school disciplinary record, including but not limited to ~~If a student has been~~
13 ~~suspended or expelled, or both, the transferred records shall include~~ the dates of any
14 suspension or expulsion and the reasons for which the student was suspended or
15 expelled.

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17 §112.1. Juvenile court records; access

18 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Children's Code Article 412 or any
19 other provision of law, if records concerning matters or proceedings before the
20 juvenile court are made accessible through a statewide database, including but not

1 limited to the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System provided for in R.S.
 2 15:1228 et seq., the principal at each public and nonpublic school or other
 3 administrator designated by the local superintendent shall have the ability and
 4 authority to access such records for a student enrolled in the school or a student
 5 seeking to enroll in the school. A court order shall not be needed for such access.
 6 The administrator accessing the records shall be subject to any laws, rules, and
 7 regulations applicable to the confidentiality and disclosure of such records once
 8 accessed.

9 B. For purposes of this Section as it applies to nonpublic schools, the "local
 10 superintendent" means the person holding the equivalent position as a local public
 11 school superintendent, as applicable. If there is no person holding this position, the
 12 nonpublic school principal may designate another administrator.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the transfer of student school disciplinary records and access to juvenile court records by school personnel.

Present law requires the principal of any public school to provide for the transfer of the education records of any current or former student at his school upon the written request of any authorized person on behalf of a public school, nonpublic school, or educational facility within a correctional or health facility where the student is enrolled or seeking enrollment. Requires records to include the date of, and reason for, any suspension or expulsion. Proposed law broadens this requirement to apply to the student's full disciplinary record, not just suspensions and expulsions.

Present law generally provides for the confidentiality of juvenile court records. Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law, if such records are made accessible through a statewide database, including but not limited to the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System provided for in present law, the principal at each public and nonpublic school may access such records for a student enrolled at the school or seeking to enroll in the school without a court order. Allows the local public school superintendent or person holding the equivalent position for a nonpublic school to designate another administrator in lieu of the principal. Provides that if there is no person in such a position for a nonpublic school, the principal may designate another administrator. Subjects school personnel to any laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the confidentiality and disclosure of such records once accessed.

(Amends R.S. 17:112(B); Adds R.S. 17:112.1)