

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(C), relative to acts of criminal hazing; to provide
3 relative to requirements of certain students at postsecondary education institutions;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1801.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1801.1. Hazing education; policies; new student orientation; organizations

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9 C. Each organization as defined in R.S. 17:1801 shall, as a condition of
10 operating at an institution, adopt the hazing prevention policy that the institution has
11 adopted pursuant to Subsection A of this Section, which shall include possible
12 institutional sanctions against the organization in the event of a reported or
13 confirmed hazing incident, and a policy that prohibits hazing. Each organization
14 shall provide annually at least ~~one hour~~ two hours of hazing prevention education
15 that includes education relative to such policies to all members, prospective
16 members, and anyone who is employed by or volunteers with the organization. The
17 education may be provided in person, electronically, or both. Each organization
18 shall submit a report annually to the institution with which it is affiliated relative to
19 the students, employees, and volunteers receiving such education evidenced by an
20 attestation of such individuals receiving the education. The institution shall

1 terminate the organization's operation on campus if it fails to comply with the
2 provisions of this Subsection and shall submit a report to the House Committee on
3 Education and Senate Committee on Education upon such termination.

4 Section 2. This Act may be cited and shall be known as the "Anti-Hazing Education:
5 Enough is Enough Act".

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, annually provide hazing prevention education to its current and prospective members. Proposed law increases the minimum amount of time of the education from one hour to two hours.

Proposed law requires an institution to terminate an organization's operation on campus if it fails to comply with the hazing prevention education requirement. Further requires the institution to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education upon such termination.

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 retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:1801.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove requirement that a member of an organization as defined by present law (R.S. 17:1801) complete a one-credit hour anti-hazing course within the first two semesters of his membership.
2. Increase minimum amount of time that certain organizations are required to provide annual hazing prevention education to its members from one hour to two hours.

3. Require an institution to (1) terminate an organization's operation on campus if it fails to comply with the hazing prevention education requirement, and (2) submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education upon such termination.