
DIGEST

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HB 279 Engrossed

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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.