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SENATE BILL NO. 126

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

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89),
3	relative to school mapping data; to provide relative to delivery of school mapping
4	data; to provide for definitions; to provide for school mapping data guidelines; to
5	prohibit modification or updating of data without certain corresponding updates; to
6	provide relative to public records exceptions; to provide for charter school
7	exemptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§416.16.1. School mapping data
11	A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the
12	state Department of Education shall coordinate with the Louisiana Center for
13	Safe Schools to provide the mapping data of all public schools in order to
14	provide law enforcement the appropriate tools needed for school safety.
15	(2) Upon preparing a school crisis management and response plan in
16	accordance with R.S. 17:416.16 each city, parish, or other local public school
17	system governing authority or a vendor, shall submit a copy of the most recent
18	blueprints and school mapping data of each school building and facility in the
19	school system, to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over any

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1	portion of the school governing authority, each local and state public safety and
2	emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, and to
3	the school's office for use in response to emergencies.
4	(3) All aspects of the school mapping data shall be collected, produced,
5	and stored within the United States of America.
6	(4) For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the
7	following meanings:
8	(a) "First responders" means local, state, and federal law enforcement
9	agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.
10	(b) "School mapping data" means information provided in an electronic
11	or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at
12	public schools.
13	B. The school mapping data provided shall do all of the following:
14	(1) Be compatible with software platforms used by local, parish, state,
15	and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the
16	specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such agencies
17	to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data.
18	(2) Be compatible with security software platforms in use by the specific
19	school for which the data is provided without requiring public safety agencies
20	or school districts to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or
21	access the data.
22	(3) Be available in a printable format.
23	(4) Be verified by the entity producing the data for accuracy by a
24	walk-through of school buildings and grounds.
25	(5) Be oriented true north.
26	(6) Be overlaid on current aerial imagery.
27	(7) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the structure of school
28	buildings including room labels, hallway names, and external door or stairwell
29	numbers and locations of hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes,
30	automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits.

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1	(8) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the school grounds
2	including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring
3	properties.
4	(9) Be overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates.
5	<u>C. School mapping data shall not be modified or updated independently</u>
6	without corresponding updates to school mapping data within software
7	platforms used by local, parish, state, and federal public safety agencies that
8	provide emergency services to the specific school.
9	D. City, parish, and other local public school systems shall become
10	subject to the requirements of this Section according to the following schedule:
11	(1) All public school buildings and facilities that were constructed within
12	the last five years shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that
13	begins immediately after the effective date of this Section.
14	(2) All other public schools that have one thousand or more students
15	enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that begins
16	one year after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph (E)(1) of this Section.
17	(3) All other public schools that have six hundred to nine hundred
18	ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the
19	school year that begins two years after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph
20	(E)(1) of this Section.
21	(4) All other public schools that have three hundred to five hundred
22	ninety-nine students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the
23	school year that begins three years after collections begin pursuant to
24	Paragraph (E)(1) of this Section.
25	(5) All other public schools that have under two hundred ninety-nine
26	students enrolled shall start collecting data beginning with the school year that
27	begins four years after collections begin pursuant to Paragraph (E)(1) of this
28	Section.
29	E. Blueprints and school mapping data of public school building or
30	facility shall not be subject to the Public Records Law.

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2	§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
3	* * *
4	B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
5	except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
6	charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
7	Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
8	exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
9	applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
10	the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
11	* * *
12	(89) School mapping data, R.S. 17:416.16.1.
13	* * *
14	Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
15	§4.1. Exceptions
16	* * *
17	B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,
18	and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised
19	statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and
20	limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by
21	citation:
22	* * *
23	(9) R.S. 17:7.2, 46, 47, 81.9, 391.4, 407.28, 407.47, 407.65, <u>416.16.1</u> 500.2,
24	1175, 1202, 1237, 1252, 1948, 1989.7, 2047, 2048.31, 3099, 3100.8, 3136, 3137,
25	3138.12, 3390, 3703, 3773, 3884
26	* * *
27	Section 3. This Act shall be known as the "Protect Our Children and Response Act".
28	Section 4.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective
29	when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for
30	the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

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1 (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the 2 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become 3 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the 4 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the 5 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such 6 approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____