

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 568

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Provides relative to penalty enhancements for violations of drug free school zones

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:981.3(D) and to enact R.S. 40:981.3(A)(4) and (E), relative  
3 to violations of drug free school zones; to provide for enhanced penalties for certain  
4 violations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:981.3(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 40:981.3(A)(4) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §981.3. Violation of Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; drug free  
9 zone

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11 A.

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13 (4) Any person who violates a provision of R.S. 40:966 through 970 of the  
14 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law while smoking, vaping, or otherwise  
15 abusing such controlled dangerous substance while on any property used for school  
16 purposes by any school, within two thousand feet of any such property, or while on  
17 a school bus, shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with Subsection D  
18 of this Section.

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1           D.(1) ~~Whoever~~ Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, whoever  
2           violates a provision of this Section shall be punished by the imposition of the  
3           maximum fine and be imprisoned for not more than one and one-half times the  
4           longest term of imprisonment authorized by the applicable provisions of R.S. 40:966  
5           through 970.

6           (2) ~~A~~ Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, a sentence imposed  
7           for a violation of the provisions of this Section shall not be subject to parole,  
8           probation, or suspension of sentence to the extent that the minimum sentence for a  
9           violation of a felony provision of R.S. 40:966 through 970 is not subject to parole,  
10          probation, or suspension of sentence.

11          E. Notwithstanding Subsection D of this Section, whoever violates a  
12          provision of this Section by committing an act which also constitutes a violation of  
13          R.S. 40:966(C)(2) shall be punished by imprisonment, with or without hard labor,  
14          for not more than one year and may, in addition, be required to pay a fine of not  
15          more than one thousand dollars.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Enhances the penalty for violating the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law with respect to marijuana within 2,000 feet of a school zone.

Present law provides that a person who violates certain provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law (UCDS) within 2,000 feet of a school zone shall be punished by the maximum fine and one and one-half times the longest term of imprisonment provided in the UCDS.

Proposed law provides that a person who violates the provisions of the UCDS with respect to marijuana shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year and may be fined up to \$1,000.

(Amends R.S. 40:981.3(D); Adds R.S. 40:981.3(A)(4) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.