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DIGEST

SB 83 Reengrossed

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Proposed law provides that, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each city, parish or other local public school board and each public charter school board is to adopt a policy for human trafficking victim prevention, identification, reporting, and assistance for victims.

Proposed law requires that each public school designate a school counselor or school administrator to receive advanced annual training on human trafficking prevention.

Proposed law provides that the training may be in-person or online and the La. Dept. of Education, in conjunction with the governor's office of human trafficking, shall provide information on available training curriculums to school boards. Proposed law provides that the training instruction is to help identify victims and available resources and assistance.

Proposed law requires that the designated school employee and the completion of training requirements be retained by each school and reported to the school boards for both traditional public schools and public charter schools.

Proposed law changes the term "sex trafficking" to "human trafficking".

Proposed law defines "human trafficking" as trafficking of children for sexual purposes and trafficking related to commercial sexual activity.

Present law provides that the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in conjunction with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), is to develop a plan for the delivery of services to children who are victims of human trafficking. The plan shall include coordinating the delivery of education, health care, housing, government benefits, and specialized services for victims of human trafficking.

Proposed law transfers from DCFS and LDH to the governor's office of human trafficking the task of developing a comprehensive strategy to prevent human trafficking and address the needs of human trafficking victims.

Proposed law requires care coordination teams handling child trafficking cases to comply with multidisciplinary investigative team rules and to develop interagency protocols for case coordination. Proposed law defines "care coordination teams" as those authorized by the DCFS to provide specialized multidisciplinary services to victims of human trafficking.

Proposed law provides that care coordination teams are authorized to obtain confidential and

privileged information from public and private entities as necessary to perform their duties, while limiting disclosure of such information to team members unless otherwise required by law. Proposed law further provides that entities may share otherwise confidential information with care coordination teams for service provision purposes and that such information remains the property of the originating entity.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:51(16)(intro para), 2161, and 2161.1 and Ch.C. Art. 610(A)(4)(b) and (E)(4); adds R.S. 17:419.5, 3996(B)(92), R.S. 46:51(16)(c), and Ch.C.Art.508.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Adds care coordination teams.
2. Makes technical changes.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Remove extended victim advocacy services from young adults who are between 18 and 21 years of age.
2. Remove definition of "youth".
3. Remove debt bondage and labor trafficking from definition of "human trafficking".
4. Make technical changes.