

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, BAYHAM, CARVER, CHASSION,
EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MARTINEZ, MOORE,
MURRAY, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24), relative to school employees; to provide for the
3 applicability of laws relative to mandatory reporters to certain school employees; to
4 provide relative to certain training provided by the Department of Children and
5 Family Services; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §421. School employees; mandatory reporting requirements

9 Each school employee who is a mandatory reporter as defined in Children's
10 Code Article 603 is subject to all provisions of state law relative to mandatory
11 reporters, including but not limited to the training and reporting requirements for
12 teaching or child care providers provided in Children's Code Article 603.1.

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14 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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16 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
17 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
18 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
19 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
20 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
21 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
22 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(24) Mandatory reporter requirements, R.S. 17:421.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____