

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

SCHOOLS/BOARDS. Requires public school governing authorities to publish certain information on their websites.

DIGEST

Present law provides generally for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of public school boards.

Proposed law additionally requires the governing authority of any public elementary or secondary school, including a charter school, that maintains a website to publish on it certain specified information in an easily understandable format. Provides for such information to include:

- (1) The school board's policies and procedures.
- (2) Minutes of public school board meetings.
- (3) Directory of schools and contact information.
- (4) Disciplinary action processes and procedures applicable to students.
- (5) School calendars.
- (6) Any collective bargaining agreement currently in effect between the school board and any of its employees.
- (7) Any proposed collective bargaining agreement between the school board and its employees, which shall be placed on the website at least five business days prior to its ratification by the school board.
- (8) The current employment contract with the superintendent of schools.
- (9) Any proposed employment contract between the school board and the superintendent of schools, which shall be placed on the website at least five business days prior to its ratification by the school board.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(W) and 3996(B)(13))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Requires that websites include separate links for certain disciplinary action procedures by not later than the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year instead of by school year 2013.
2. Requires that websites include separate links for certain policies and procedures by not later than the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year instead of by school year 2014.
3. Requires that websites include a separate link for rules and regulations on the use of corporal punishment instead of for the final resolution of prior disciplinary actions.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill.

1. Requires additional items to be published on a school board's website including certain information relative to collective bargaining agreements and employment contracts.
2. Defines "collective bargaining", "employee", and "labor organization."