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HOUSE BILL NO. 733

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CURRICULA: Requires instruction on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention  
in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:81(X) and 3996(B)(34), relative to instruction in public schools regarding  
3 sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention; to require and provide guidelines  
4 for such instruction; to provide relative to rules and regulations; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(X) and 3996(B)(34) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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10 X.(1) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary  
11 school shall provide age and grade appropriate classroom instruction to all students  
12 relative to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention.

13 (2) Such instruction shall be integrated into the curriculum of an existing  
14 required course, such as health education, physical education, or another required  
15 course deemed appropriate by the school governing authority.

16 (3) The governing authority of each public school shall adopt rules and  
17 regulations necessary for the implementation of this Subsection.

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1 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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

10 \* \* \*

11 (34) Instruction relative to sexual abuse and assault awareness and  
12 prevention, R.S. 17:81(X).

13 \* \* \*

14 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Erin's Law".

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires instruction relative to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention in public schools.

Proposed law requires the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to provide age and grade appropriate classroom instruction relative to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention. Requires the integration of such instruction into the curriculum of an existing required course, such as health education, physical education, or another required course deemed appropriate by the school governing authority. Requires school governing authorities to adopt rules and regulations necessary for proposed law implementation. Proposed law, which shall be known and may be cited as "Erin's Law", is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(X) and 3996(B)(34))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as "Erin's Law".