

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:81(T)(3) and (4), relative to instruction in public schools regarding dating
3 violence; to require school governing authorities to provide instruction to certain
4 school employees and information to the parents of certain students regarding dating
5 violence; to require the inclusion of information on dating violence in student codes
6 of conduct; to require school boards to collect data and local superintendents to
7 provide reports relative to dating violence; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(T)(3) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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14 (3) The governing authority of each public school enrolling students in
15 grades seven through twelve shall:

16 (a) At the beginning of each school year, provide instruction to all school
17 employees having contact with students in such grades relative to the definition of
18 dating violence, dating violence warning signs, and how to properly address
19 suspected or reported dating violence involving students, including but not limited
20 to counseling and notification of law enforcement, and provide information relative
21 to dating violence to the parents of students in such grades.

22 (b) Include in student codes of conduct the definition of dating violence,
23 dating violence warning signs, and instructions for reporting or seeking help relative
24 to dating violence.

1 (c) Collect data relative to the number of incidents of dating violence
2 reported to school employees and the actions taken by school employees to assist
3 victims of dating violence.

4 (4)(a) In the spring of each school year, each local superintendent shall make
5 an oral report at a meeting of the school governing authority that shall include but
6 need not be limited to the compliance of each school with the requirements of this
7 Section, aggregate data relative to dating violence, and any recommendations for
8 reducing dating violence among students.

9 (b) For the purposes of this Paragraph, for a charter school, the "local
10 superintendent" shall mean the chief executive officer of the school or other
11 employee holding an equivalent position.

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