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**Abstract:** Authorizes surveys of public school students in Orleans Parish regarding risk behaviors.

Present law authorizes public elementary and secondary schools to offer instruction in sex education in grades seven and above, provided that such instruction is integrated into an existing course of study such as biology, science, physical hygiene, or physical education. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits students from being tested, quizzed, or surveyed about their personal beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion. Proposed law adds an exception to present law to authorize public school governing authorities in Orleans Parish to allow students to be surveyed about their risk behaviors, including those related to sexual health.

(Amends R.S. 17:281(A)(2))