
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the posting of the state child protection toll-free hotline number in all public schools.

Present law requires public school governing authorities to provide age- and grade- appropriate classroom instruction relative to child assault awareness and prevention. Requires that instruction be integrated into an existing required course and limits instruction to what constitutes abuse or assault and how students may safely and confidentially report abuse or assault to a school official. Requires such governing authorities to adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of present law, which is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools. Proposed law adds requirement that such rules and regulations include a requirement that each public school post in a clearly visible location that is readily accessible to students a sign that contains the number for the child protection toll-free hotline operated by the Dept. of Children and Family Services to receive reports of child abuse and neglect.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(Y) and 3996(B)(35))