

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1068 by Representative Smith

SEX EDUCATION: Requires certain state agencies to meet biannually to discuss and make recommendations in an effort to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds requirement that any recommendations made by the state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals be in accordance with present law, R.S. 17:281 (relative to instruction in sex education in public schools).

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires the state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to meet together not less than twice annually to review and evaluate the following:

- (1) The effectiveness of current state programs, including but not limited to sex education provided by public schools, aimed at reducing the rate of teen pregnancy and preventing the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of La.
- (2) Programs that are available for implementation in La. to educate the youth of La. about the importance of preventing teen pregnancy and the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases by providing culturally competent education and outreach.

Proposed law requires the state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, jointly, to submit a written report of their findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation if necessary, for a comprehensive strategy to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of La. on an annual basis to the legislature not later than 60 days prior to the regular legislative session. Requires that any recommendations made be in accordance with present law, R.S. 17:281 (relative to instruction in sex education in public schools).

(Adds R.S. 46:2551-2553)