

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 42 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 46:2551 through 2553, relative to sex education programs; to provide for
4 legislative findings; to require certain agencies to meet and review state programs
5 aimed at reducing teen pregnancy and preventing the spread of sexually transmitted
6 diseases; to require the agencies to review available programs aimed at reducing teen
7 pregnancy and preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases; to require a
8 written report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Chapter 42 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
11 comprised of R.S. 46:2551 through 2553, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 CHAPTER 42. AGENCY COOPERATION IN PREVENTION OF TEEN
13 PREGNANCY AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

14 §2551. Declaration of purpose

15 A. The legislature hereby recognizes all of the following:

16 (1) It is imperative to protect and assist the youth of Louisiana if this state
17 is to move forward and realize its potential in the future.

18 (2) It is imperative to reduce the rate of teen pregnancies and prevent the
19 spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of Louisiana
20 in order to build stronger families and a healthier future for Louisiana.

1 (3) In order to improve the lives of Louisiana families and ensure a better
2 future for youth of Louisiana, it is imperative for state agencies to collaborate to
3 create a comprehensive strategy to reduce the rate of teen pregnancies and prevent
4 the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of
5 Louisiana.

6 §2552. Prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; agency
7 cooperation

8 A. The state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Department of
9 Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Department of Health and
10 Hospitals shall meet together not less than twice annually to review and evaluate the
11 effectiveness of current state programs, including but not limited to sex education
12 provided by public schools, aimed at reducing the rate of teen pregnancy and
13 preventing the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among the
14 youth of Louisiana.

15 B. The state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Department of
16 Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Department of Health and
17 Hospitals shall review and evaluate any programs that are available for
18 implementation in Louisiana to educate the youth of Louisiana about the importance
19 of preventing teen pregnancy and the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted
20 diseases by providing culturally competent education and outreach.

21 §2553. Report

22 The state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Department of
23 Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Department of Health and
24 Hospitals, jointly, shall submit a written report of their findings and
25 recommendations, including proposed legislation if necessary, for a comprehensive
26 strategy to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and prevent the spread of HIV and other
27 sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of Louisiana on an annual basis to the
28 legislature not later than sixty days prior to the commencement of the regular
29 legislative session. Any recommendations made by the state superintendent of
30 education, the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, and the

1 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall be in accordance with the
2 provisions of R.S. 17:281.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____