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HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

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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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 43 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 43 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 43. 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.

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

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

9           §2552. Prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; agency  
10           cooperation

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

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

24           §2553. Report

25           The state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Department of  
26           Children and Family Services, and the secretary of the Department of Health and  
27           Hospitals, jointly, shall submit a written report of their findings and  
28           recommendations, including proposed legislation if necessary, for a comprehensive  
29           strategy to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and prevent the spread of HIV and other

- 1 sexually transmitted diseases among the youth of Louisiana on an annual basis to the  
 2 legislature not later than sixty days prior to the commencement of the regular  
 3 legislative session.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires certain agencies to meet and review state programs aimed at reducing the rate of teen pregnancy and preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and to report their findings to the legislature.

Proposed law provides for legislative findings.

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 commencement of the regular legislative session.

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